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Thornton off the beat on Ghomeshi's Q

RADIO Don't call Billy Bob Thornton an actor. He doesn't like it.

Thornton behaved erratically during an interview about his band, The Boxmasters, on CBC Radio's Q on Wednesday.

Host Jian Ghomeshi first asked Thornton when his band formed.

"I don't know what you mean by that," Thornton said.

When asked about Willie Nelson, who The Boxmasters are touring with, Thornton replied he didn't know Nelson.

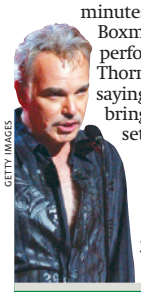
Thornton also said that he was into baseball when asked about his musical influences growing up.

The tension escalated when Ghomeshi said Thornton seemed passionate about music.

"Would you say that to Tom Petty?" Thornton interrupted. "Really? Would you explain why it's not a hobby?"

As Ghomeshi struggled to understand the reply, Thornton's rambling, expletive-filled explanation was that he didn't like being called an actor.

After 13 awkward minutes The Boxmasters performed, but Thornton sat out saying he didn't bring his drum set.



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Thornton

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Circus **Piece of Brit**

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Britney Spears is "uncaged" as she sings Piece of Me at GM Place on Wednesday night. The Circus Tour is the pop princess' first arena tour in five years. Review and photos, pg 6

Heed to run for Liberals

Former West Van police chief outspoken on violence issues

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The B.C. Liberal Party unveiled its top gun Wednesday ahead of the upcoming provincial election.

With voters listing crime as one of two biggest concerns, the not-so-secret introduction of former West Vancouver police chief Kash Heed, 53, gives the party arguably the strongest — and most outspoken — candidate on the issue.

He is running against New Democrat Gabriel Yiu and Jodie Emery of the Greens.

"We all know the serious matter of gang violence in this province," said Heed, during a news conference at the Killarney Community Centre Wednesday. "I'm tired of these actions causing fear in our community.

"We must not only be tough on gangs, but also tough on the social conditions that breeds them."

An Angus Reid poll in March found that the economy and crime were the top issues impacting British Columbians a month ahead of the May 12 election.

If the Liberals are returned to power, Heed — if elected — could be a strong candidate for solicitor general, the province's top cop.

Heed, however, said he's "not jumping the gun" about the possibility of becoming solicitor general and is concentrating on getting elected.

Attorney general Wally Oppal, the incumbent in Vancouver-Fraserview, is vacating the riding to run in Delta South where he lives.

Richmond-raised

- Heed, who was born in Kamloops and has lived in Richmond for the past 43 years, is married with a 14-month-old daughter.

TransLink sets ridership record

SCORECARD High gas prices helped drive people to take public transit last year, setting a new ridership record.

More than 300 million trips by bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus and the West Coast Express were taken in 2008, according to TransLink.

About 20 per cent of commuters listed "gas prices" as one of their reasons for taking transit in TransLink's Performance Scorecard for the second quarter when gasoline prices surged to roughly $1.50 per litre.

The addition of nearly 270,000 new hours to the schedules, along with several new routes also helped the company record 302.4 million trips, an increase of 2.9 per cent.

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Demand for mediator rejected
The acting head of the B.C. Ambulance Service has rejected a demand by striking paramedics to bring in a mediator. Lee Doney said the two sides are too far apart for a mediator. The province's 3,500 paramedics went on strike April 1, but almost all of them are still at work because their job is considered an essential service. CKNW.COM

Local

Anglers get a reprieve

For the next week, sports fishermen will be allowed to cast their lines without a licence because of a glitch in the online licensing program. The system crashed last week after being overloaded with applications, so the Environment Ministry has exempted anglers from getting the paperwork until April 17. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

CITY PARKS Pacific Spirit Park reopened on Wednesday night as investigators completed their fifth day of combing the area for clues into the murder of Wendy Ladner-Beaudry. Investigators have received more than 110 tips and canvassed approximately 700 residences.

AXED A Tsawwassen resident said B.C. Hydro hacked their weeping willow tree without warning, leaving it an "ugly stump," CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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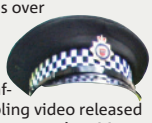
What's online today.

Video London police face questions over man's death at G20 protest after troubling video released at **metronews.ca/world**



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New rehabilitation centre provides bear necessities

Critter Care mandate to help cubs develop survival skills

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An innovative new rehabilitation centre for orphaned black bear cubs is being built in North Vancouver to help the animals learn the survival skills they'll need before being re-released.

Many of the cubs lose their mothers when they get too close to humans and are destroyed.

"The issue of black bears becoming habituated to human food on the North Shore has become a major headache for municipalities," said Ralph Sultan, MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano.

"Sometimes the destruction of mother bears is the only option and this new centre will give their orphaned cubs another chance of survival."

PHOTO COURTESY OF CRITTER CARE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

A staff member at the Critter Care Wildlife Society in Langley holds a seven-week-old male black bear cub that was orphaned near Boston Bar.

Environment Minister Barry Penner, who on Wednesday announced $400,000 in funding for the new centre, said the facility will give cubs a chance to develop their natural foraging and denning skills.

"There's a much better probability that they can become independent, healthy wild bears on their own when given this opportunity," Penner said.

Ken Macquisten, managing director for the Grouse Mountain Refuge For Endangered Wildlife, said the program calls for minimal contact between bears and humans.

The Fromme Mountain facility has 32 hectares of typical black bear habitat and will be capable of handling as many as 25 bears.

Extension

- The new rehabilitation facility will be an extension of the Critter Care Wildlife Society's Langley-based centre.
- Around 700 black bears are destroyed every year in B.C. because of conflicts with humans.

Sentence to come in slaying case

COURTS An alleged member of the Red Scorpions gang is expected to be sentenced Thursday in B.C. Supreme Court after he pleaded guilty last week to mass murder in the Surrey Six slayings.

Dennis Karbovanec, 27, pleaded guilty April 3 to the second-degree murders of Chris Mohan, 22, Ryan Bartolomeo, 19, and Michael Lal, 26. He also pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder Corey Lal, 21.

On Oct. 19, 2007, six people, including innocent bystanders Ed Schellenberg and Mohan, were found murdered on the 15th floor of the Balmoral Tower in Surrey.

Three other men are also facing charges in the mass murder, including Jamie Bacon, 23, the youngest of Abbotsford's Bacon brothers. METRO VANCOUVER

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Feds chip in $2.3M for World Police and Fire Games

The federal government is contributing $2.3 million to help fund the 2009 World Police and Fire Games in Vancouver, Whistler, Chilliwack and Burnaby. Around 12,000 people are expected to attend the event from July 31 to Aug. 9. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Police chief fires back at critics

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Vancouver's police chief is defending the city's reputation and promising a safe Olympics in response to recent criticism from international media.

On April 1, the number of Lower Mainland shootings this year surpassed the 50 mark.

In all, 43 people have been hit — 21 of them fatally, in 54 shootings in 2009.

At the same time last year, there were 11 deaths in 14 shootings.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Chief Const. Jim Chu suggested that those cities that are critical of Vancouver should take a "look in their own backyard."

He added that high-profile violent crimes are "few and far between" and the Olympics will be "safe and secure."

On Sunday, British newspaper The Independent published an editorial describing our once "cuddly, eco-friendly" city as being home to "blood-splattered streets littered with shell casings and corpses."

The story has since been picked up by the Seattle Times, the Australian, Agence France-Press, the Associated Press and Singapore's Today.

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Premier Gordon Campbell also defended the city, saying it's safe for visitors.

By the numbers

- There have been 22 shootings, seven of them fatal, in the city of Toronto since Jan. 1, compared to 54 here.
- At 2.5 million people, the Toronto has roughly the same population as the Lower Mainland.

American Pie serves up slice in Vancouver

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

FILM It isn't very often that a trio of young, topless girls make out in the food court of East Vancouver's Tinseltown Mall, but on Tuesday afternoon, that's just what happened.

The scene was a daydream sequence for American Pie: Book of Love, the seventh instalment of the popular "teen" sex comedy franchise, being shot in and around town until mid-May.

Unlike the past three direct-to-DVD spin-offs, this one aims to revive the feel of the original.

"The folks who brought you American Pie want to bring it back to its roots: fun wholesomeness yet still raunchy and sexy," said director John Putch. "As a result, you'll see some themes come back that you haven't seen since the first one."

While the bulk of the cast consists of young up-and-comers — like Ontario's Naomi Hewer and Maryland's Brandon Hardesty — veterans such as Eugene Levy (an American Pie regular) and Rosanna Arquette also appear.

Bug Hall, who played Alfalfa in the 1994 film The Little Rascals, will play a character similar to Jason Biggs' in the original. The film is due out in the fall.

CHRIS HELCERMANAS-BENGE/UNIVERSAL

Staff on the Vancouver set of American Pie: Book of Love.

MARK HALPERN/BLASTTHEMOVIE.COM

The BLAST balloon is inflated and prepared to launch.

Discovering star origins a BLAST

ASTRONOMY Scientists from the University of British Columbia have helped unveil the birthplaces of ancient stars using a two-tonne telescope carried by a balloon the size of a 33-storey building.

Flying the telescope above much of the atmosphere allowed the team of international researchers to peer out into the distant Universe at wavelengths nearly unattainable from the ground. The Balloon-borne Large-Aperture Submillimeter Telescope (BLAST) uncovered dust-enshrouded galaxies that hide about half of the starlight in the Universe.

"Over the last decade, sub-millimetre telescopes on the ground have produced several 'black and white' images no larger than the size of a fingernail at the end of your outstretched arm," said Ed Chapin, a post-doctoral fellow at UBC. "In a single 11-day flight BLAST has taken a huge leap forward, producing colour images the size of your hand."

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Documentary

- The BLAST project was filmed for a documentary. Visit blastthemovie.com for details.

Vancouver home prices see big drop

REAL ESTATE Average home prices in Vancouver have dropped more than 12 per cent during the first three months of 2009 when compared to the same period last year.

Of the municipalities around Vancouver, the largest drop was seen in West Vancouver where home prices declined 16.3 per cent, according to Royal LePage's quarterly House Price Survey released on Wednesday.

"Prices are definitely down from a year ago," said Bill Binnie, president of Royal LePage Northshore in North Vancouver. "But prices are starting to stabilize in the middle price range."

The average price of a detached bungalow in Vancouver is now $743,750, down 12.8 per cent.

The price of a standard two-storey home has dropped to $828,750, a 12.6 per cent loss.

Condos have fallen to $406,500, a decrease of 11.6 per cent.

News in brief

CRIME Police are asking for the public's help in finding two men who attacked another man at knifepoint outside a Coquitlam McDonald's. The victim said he escaped by running to his car and as he drove away one of the assailants lunged at him with a knife.

COURT Crown prosecutors in the Robert Pickton appeal say a new trial won't be necessary if they win their appeal to have the serial killer convicted of first-degree murder. Prosecutor Gregory Fitch said Pickton has already been sentenced to the maximum prison term — life with no chance of parole for 25 years.

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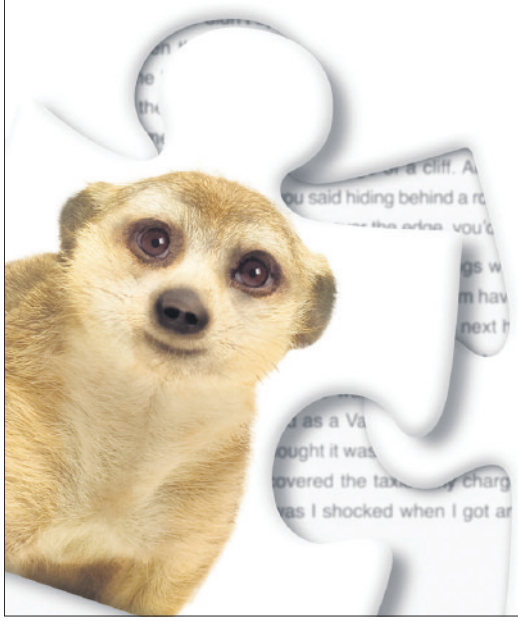

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Britney Spears highlights

The pop princess' home life includes two marriages, one divorce, one annulment and two children. On stage, she has kissed Madonna, danced with a large python and even torn off a suit to reveal a sparkly nude number. **METRO VANCOUVER**

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO VANCOUVER

Britney Spears' Circus tour includes a full complement of acrobats, clowns and trapeze artists.

Britney's Circus hits a hitch

Eager fans left waiting as smoky stage spooks pop star

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Vancouver

Wednesday night's well-executed — if disjointed — "comeback" show for Britney Spears was indeed a circus: Part literal, part symbolic.

With so many fans rooting for her success, the pressure heated up GM Place.

As did, apparently, the smoke. After a high-energy first act, the show was put on hold as Spears left the stage, refusing to come back until the arena's air was cleared of cigarette smoke some 20 minutes later.

Once the circus finally resumed, some (though not all) of the crowd's enthusiasm returned a few songs later during Boys, which Spears performed from the back of a motorcycle.

"I think it's really unfortunate, because I respected and felt bad for Britney, but I think her stopping the concert ... was pretty bad." Mitch McGraw, fan

But both the audience and the singer's energy lagged as the show continued.

Spears' bubblegum hits Baby One More Time, Toxic and I'm a Slave 4 U blended with the grotesque, including a video montage over a Marilyn Manson track.

With several sold-out dates and a new album, the four-act show aimed high to announce a return to pop form after many well-publicized blowouts, from rehab to umbrella attacks to awards-show meltdowns.

Given these past circumstances, her early tracks now seem almost nostalgic.

But while acrobats, fence-jugglers, martial arts and fireworks made for spectacle, the performance never fully recovered.

The encore ended with her latest hit, Womanizer, but fans Mitch McGraw and Sean Gregor, who arrived at the show painted in clown faces, both felt let down.

"I think it's really unfortunate, because I respected and felt bad for Britney, but I think her stopping the concert because of what a few people were doing in the very front row was pretty bad," said McGraw.

"(The lag) killed the energy, and I didn't know how she was going to recover," Gregor added.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO VANCOUVER

The Pussycat Dolls, with lead singer Nicole Scherzinger, open for Britney Spears at the Garage Wednesday night.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO VANCOUVER

Britney Spears performs a hair-raising rendition of Radar at GM Place.

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Britney Spears opens her Vancouver performance with the song Circus on Wednesday night.

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Train nearly hits 2 teens

Police say two 14-year-old girls found passed out on railway tracks in White Rock were lucky officers were able to stop an oncoming train just metres away from them.

RCMP were called to the tracks west of High Street around 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, after receiving a report that a drunk teenager had tripped, fallen down the embankment and hit her head.

"Upon arrival, police found not only a female on the rocks, but a second 14-year-old female who was unresponsive and lying in the centre of the tracks with a westbound train approaching," said Const. Janelle Canning.

"(Police) were able to stop the oncoming train within only metres of the unconscious female. Both females were transported to Peace Arch Hospital where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO

Chu sorry for taking camera from news photographer

SHOOTING Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu apologized on Wednesday for seizing the camera of a local photographer covering a police shooting.

"At the chaotic crime scene, there was confusion as to whether he was a legitimate news photographer," Chu said in a statement. "…We held on to the camera for about an hour longer than we should have."

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association said the chief's action shows the department is "interested in accountability."

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News in brief

DRUG BUST Mounties found drugs and a large arsenal of weapons, including grenades, detonators, shotguns, rifles and a 50-calibre machine gun, when they raided a Nanaimo property on Wednesday morning. Four men and a woman were arrested.

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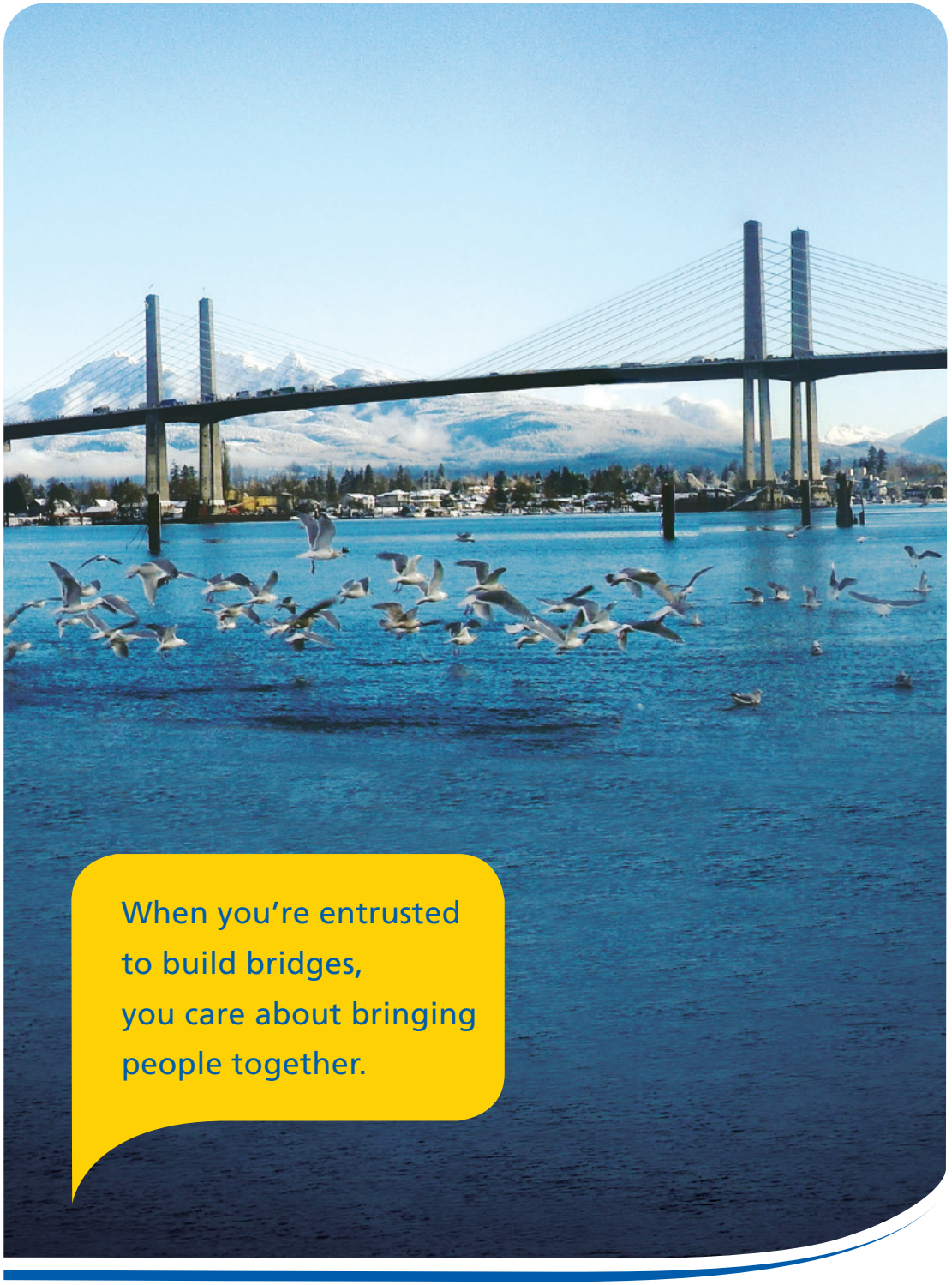

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Manitoba opens floodway
Manitoba has activated the Red River Floodway. Officials had said the flood diversion channel wouldn't be used until all of the ice was off the Red River near the floodway gates south of Winnipeg. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Chopper crash to be probed

A government regulator that manages the offshore oil industry near Newfoundland said Wednesday it will investigate a helicopter crash that killed 17 people last month. The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board said in a brief statement it will "establish an inquiry into worker safety associated with the recent helicopter incident in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area." CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

BROADCASTING The cash-strapped CBC, struggling with layoffs and cuts to regional programming, wants a slice of any government funding meant to rescue local newscasts of struggling private broadcasters. The public broadcaster, facing a $170-million shortfall, pledged to invest any new government cash into local coverage.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS A third national poll has given Canada's opposition Liberals a slight lead over the recently re-elected Conservatives who are fighting to maintain support during the current recession. The Strategic Counsel poll, issued Wednesday by the Globe and Mail newspaper, has the Liberals at 34 per cent and the Conservatives at 32 per cent. Two polls issued in late March had put the Liberals one to three points ahead of the ruling Conservative party.
REUTERS

Ottawa **Tamil protest**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

A Tamil protester takes part in a demonstration in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa Wednesday. Protesters accused the Sri Lankan army of using chemical weapons and rape in its war against the Tamil Tigers and said the army has killed thousands of Tamil civilians, CBC News Online reports.

Shell under fire

Oil giant broke promise: Groups

Canadian environmental groups asked regulators Wednesday to rescind approvals for part of a $13.7-billion expansion of Royal Dutch Shell Plc's oilsands project, alleging the company backed off promises to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The Oil Sands Environmental Coalition — which includes the Pembina Institute, the Toxics Watch Society of Alberta and the Fort McMurray Environmental Association — say Shell has broken an agreement to significantly cut the output of greenhouse gases (GHG) such as carbon dioxide from an expansion of its Muskeg River and Jackpine oilsands mines in northern Alberta.

Cost of oilsands

- Canada's oilsands have the largest reserves outside the Middle East. However separating the tar-like bitumen from sand and soil and upgrading it into refinery-ready synthetic crude is more energy intensive and emits more carbon dioxide than conventional oil production.

The coalition is asking the Canadian government and Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board, who jointly approved the project, to reconsider their ruling through a new public hearing because Shell's promise was a factor in the decision.

"Shell has broken a binding agreement," said Simon Dyer, oilsands program director at the Pembina Institute. Regulators "can reopen those approvals given that Shell has clearly reneged on its commitment."

The groups claim Shell agreed to come up with specific targets for cuts to greenhouse gas emissions at the mine sites. Instead, they say the company told them it will not quantify its GHG cuts, deciding instead to wait for the government to come up with regulations on emissions.
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Harper fires back at Ignatieff

Says rival lacks 'moral compass'

Prime Minister Stephen Harper went from defending his government's handling of the Brian Mulroney affair to angrily accusing Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff of having no moral values Wednesday.

Harper was in the midst of praising his government's decision to hold an inquiry into Mulroney's business dealings when he suddenly lashed out at Ignatieff, who has been chiding Harper for his lack of respect for the former Progressive Conservative prime minister.

"I think Canadians understand the government has taken a matter that is very difficult for ourselves, for our party and handled it responsibly," Harper said while in Moncton for an infrastructure funding announcement.

It was the first time Harper has spoken publicly about the apparent rift in his caucus, arising out of the fact that Mulroney has essentially been declared persona non grata by the government.

Harper reminded reporters it was Mulroney who asked for an inquiry to clear his name.

"I think what Canadians will see is when it comes to a very difficult issue of government conduct and government ethics, this government has behaved responsibly and the other party leader (Ignatieff) has absolutely no moral compass when it comes to dealing with this kind of a matter," he said.

Ignatieff brushed Harper's comments off as "nonsense" from a prime minister under fire from his own caucus.

"This is nonsense from a PM who is clearly frustrated that his ill-conceived strategy to distance his party from Mulroney is experiencing severe blowback within his caucus. We are completely in support of the inquiry," Ignatieff said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Inquiry

- Brian Mulroney is at the centre of an inquiry looking into the business dealings between the former prime minister and German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber.

Canadians oppose auto biz loans: Poll

ECONOMY Most Canadians are opposed to giving taxpayer-funded loans to the troubled auto industry and believe North American companies should go under if they can't compete, according to an Angus Reid/Toronto Star poll released Wednesday.

Fifty-one per cent disagree with the decision by the federal and Ontario governments to commit $4 billion in short-term loans to General Motors of Canada Ltd. and Chrysler Canada Inc.

And 63 per cent said they believe these companies should declare bankruptcy if they can't make a go of it in the global auto market.

Ottawa and Queen's Park have said interim loans of $3 billion for GM Canada Limited and $1 billion for Chrysler Canada will be advanced as necessary to assist the companies while they work on their restructuring plans.

In Ontario, where auto is king, respondents are clearly split on the government assistance, with 46 per cent in favour and 48 per cent against.

The survey further shows that almost half or 48 per cent of Canadians believe the struggling automakers have received enough money and shouldn't get a dime more.

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Funeral for Quebec girls

More than 500 people gathered at a church in Laval, Que., for the funeral of two young girls found slain in their family home in Duvernay last week. Amanda Giovanna, 9, and her sister Sabrina Angela, 8, were found dead in their opulent home on March 31. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Chief paints grim picture at probe into fatal jail blaze

The chief of the Kashechewan First Nation in northern Ontario painted a picture of a community in pain — albeit one that is trying to turn things around — at an inquest Wednesday into the deaths of two young men on the reserve in 2006.

Chief Jonathon Solomon said life is full of incredible hardships in Kashechewan, where many suffer from alcoholism. One-third of the community has diabetes, a disease the chief describes as an "epidemic." What's more, unemployment is at 80 per cent, with many living on social assistance, he said. There is no hospital or detox centre on the reserve, only a nursing station.

Ricardo Wesley, 22, and Jamie Goodwin, 20, who had been arrested for intoxication, died in their cells on Jan. 8, 2006, in the Nishnawbe-Aski police detachment after a fire broke out and engulfed the jail. In 2006 the detachment had no fire alarm, no fire extinguisher and no smoke detectors. Nor did the reserve have a fire station or a fire-fighting force, and the reserve's fire truck sat broken in a junkyard area beside the airstrip.

The community of 1,600 has a long history of trauma, Solomon said. Like many First Nations people, many Kashechewan residents are dealing with the leftover pain from sexual assault and abuse at residential schools. There is a high rate of suicide and drug abuse, as well as the aftermath of an E. coli outbreak in 2005. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grim realities

- Kashechewan's population is growing at an annual rate of four per cent, there isn't enough housing and the number of police officers is insufficient, Solomon said. The high cost of food — three litres of milk costs $14 — has contributed to the rise of diabetes and obesity, he said.

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Ontario lacks funds to pay GM pensioners

SAFETY NET There is not enough money in Ontario's pension plan safety net to support GM pensioners if the company goes bankrupt, Premier Dalton McGuinty warned Wednesday.

"The money available in that is very, very modest," McGuinty said, noting the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund totals about $100 million — not nearly enough to cover the billions of dollars involved in the automaker's pensions.

"That comes nowhere near meeting any liabilities — for example, for the auto sector alone, to say nothing of all the other sectors," McGuinty told reporters.

Nevertheless, he said Ontario has a "a political and moral responsibility, particularly to older pensioners who worked in the industry and played by all the rules (and) made their investments in their own pension plans."

But McGuinty said topping up the safety net may not be an option.

Since 1980, the pension fund has provided retirees with up to $1,000 a month in the event a pension plan fails to provide its full benefit, or any at all.

Experts warned in February that the unique safety net was teetering on the edge of being wiped out and could fold if a large corporation were to go under.

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News in brief

ALBERTA Members of Alberta's transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual community are preparing for a battle with the Alberta government after cuts were made to gender reassignment surgery. The Alberta government delisted gender reassignment from its funding coverage as part of the budget announcement Tuesday.

METRO CANADA

Georgian opposition rallies thousands of anti-presidential protesters
The government of Georgia and the Georgian Orthodox Church appealed for calm Wednesday as the opposition prepared demonstrations to demand the resignation of President Mikheil Saakashvili. The opposition expects to bring tens of thousands into the streets of the capital Tbilisi Thursday. REUTERS

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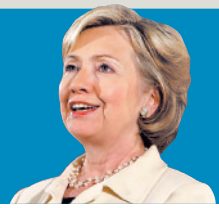

Clinton concerned

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Wednesday she was very concerned by news of espionage charges filed by Iran against Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi and demanded her immediate release. REUTERS

Thousands protest Thai PM

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva insisted Wednesday that an Asian summit would go ahead in Thailand this week despite a mass rally in Bangkok by protestors set on toppling him.

Police said 100,000 demonstrators, supporters of ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, were at the Government House and the nearby Royal Plaza by the evening, more than during the day but still far fewer than the 300,000 organizers had promised.

No clashes were reported, although fears of violence fed rumours that a meeting of leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations starting on Friday would be cancelled or moved.

The meeting was postponed late last year because of unrest when a pro-Thaksin government was in power, and Abhisit's administration has billed the rescheduled event as a sign Thailand is returning to normal.

Thaksin was toppled in a coup in 2006 and is in self-imposed exile, but his absence has not healed the divisions between the elite, who accused him of corruption, and the poor, who benefited from his populist policies. REUTERS

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Supporters of former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra paint their bodies during a rally in Bangkok Wednesday. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said Wednesday an Asian summit would go ahead in Thailand this week as demonstrators gathered with the intention of toppling him.

Hopes fade for Italy quake survivors amid aftershocks

ABRUZZO A series of aftershocks disrupted rescuers in central Italy Wednesday as they picked through rubble for a third night in their search for survivors of Monday's earthquake that killed 272 people.

One tremor measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit at 2:53 a.m. local time. The aftershocks terrified many of the survivors — 17,000 of whom stayed in tent villages after being made homeless. Rescuers acknowledge hope of finding anyone alive under the devastated city are fading with every hour.

The death toll rose to 272 after rescuers pulled more bodies from collapsed buildings. A mass state funeral and national day of mourning are expected to be held Friday.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said in total 28,000 had lost their homes, with 17,000 now living in tents and the rest staying in free hotel rooms or with family. REUTERS

Pope's message

- Pope Benedict said Wednesday he intended to visit the victims of Italy's earthquake soon, and praised the generosity shown by Italians: "This solidarity is important in order to overcome such difficult trials," he said.

U.S. electrical grid hacked: Report

INTERNET Cyberspies have penetrated the U.S. electrical grid and left behind software programs that could be used to disrupt the system, the Wall Street Journal said Wednesday.

The spies came from China, Russia and other countries, and were believed to be trying to navigate the U.S. electrical system and its controls, the paper said, citing U.S. security officials. REUTERS

Watchdog takes over inquiry in G20 protest death

LONDON An independent British police watchdog said Wednesday it was taking over the inquiry into the death of a man during anti-G20 protests in London last week, and had requested a second post-mortem examination.

The inquiry had been in the hands of London police, but the Independent Police Complaints Commission stepped in after footage emerged showing a policeman pushing the man to the ground. The man, 47-year-old newspaper seller Ian Tomlinson, was on his way home from work when he was caught up between police and anti-capitalist protesters on April 1. REUTERS

News in brief

IRAN One of Shiite Islam's highest authorities praised Wednesday the "sincerity" of U.S. President Barack Obama's message to the Muslim world. Grand Ayatollah Sayyed Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah said Obama would be judged on his actions, and he urged Obama to rethink policy on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. REUTERS

U.S. navy arrives at freighter where captain held hostage

INDIAN OCEAN A U.S. navy warship arrived Wednesday off the Somali coast, where the captain of a U.S.-flagged freighter has been taken hostage by pirates, a shipping line said.

The ship was briefly hijacked by pirates Wednesday, but the crew of 20 Americans had retaken control of the vessel and was trying to negotiate the captain's release, second mate Ken Quinn told CNN. The captain was being held on a lifeboat.

The Danish-owned freighter's operator, Maersk Line Ltd., said the U.S. navy destroyer Bainbridge arrived on the scene before dawn. Spokesman B.J. Talley said the company was in touch with its ship and the navy.

Talley declined comment on what action, if any, the navy might take.

CNN reported the lifeboat where the captain was being held was very near the ship, the Maersk Alabama. The Alabama crew can see the destroyer and has been in contact with the navy, CNN said. REUTERS

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Natural leaders more fertile?

Born leaders may be more likely to have kids than people who prefer to be led, according to a Finnish study. Findings suggest that among adults in a long-term study, those who'd scored high on a "leadership" scale as teenagers were more likely than low-scorers to have a child by the age of 39. REUTERS

N. Korea celebrates

Soldiers at a mass rally on Wednesday celebrated North Korea's defiant rocket launch, while Russia's foreign minister said any new punishment for Pyongyang could be "counter-productive."

North Korea warned the UN Security Council on Tuesday that it would take "strong steps" if the 15-nation body took any action in response to the launch.

On Wednesday, it gathered its top communist and military officials for a celebration of the launch broadcast on its state TV.

The reclusive state has threatened to boycott six-way nuclear disarmament talks and restart its plant that makes bomb-grade plutonium if it is punished by the United Nations.

It also warned on Wednesday of military action if anyone tries to retrieve debris from the rocket.

U.S. and South Korean military officials said the missile crashed down into the sea and no satellite was deployed during its 3,200-kilometre flight over Japan that ended in the Pacific Ocean.

Analysts said North Korean leader Kim Jong-il would see a boost at home for the defiant act celebrated as a triumph of his state's might. REUTERS

Afghanistan **Shoes to law?**

AHMAD MASOOD / REUTERS

A woman looks at shoes near the Kabul river. Afghan President Hamid Karzai promised Wednesday to make changes to a new law for Shiite Muslims if any part is found unconstitutional.

News in brief

BRITAIN British police arrested 12 men in counter-terrorism raids across northwest England on Wednesday. The arrested men ranged from a teenager to a 41-year-old man, police said.

BRAZIL Environmental police in Brazil seized the equivalent of 400 truckloads of wood in a major raid on illegal loggers, the government said Wednesday, in the latest effort to curb the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. REUTERS

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Sri Lankan military gives last warning to Tamil Tigers
The military aired a surrender offer to the trapped rebels, urging them to drop their guns and free tens of thousands of civilians. REUTERS

Smarter generation moves up in cartels

Mexico police face savvier drug smugglers

Shunning the gem-studded pistols and gold chains flaunted by their fathers, a savvy new generation of drug smugglers is moving up the ranks of Mexico's cartels wielding college degrees and keeping low profiles to outsmart police.

The fashionably dressed sons of two prominent drug bosses were recently arrested in smart Mexico City neighborhoods, suspected of laundering money for the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels while moving seamlessly among the country's elite.

They typify a new wave of leaders of Mexico's warring drug cartels, whose turf wars killed 6,300 people last year. Often the urbane offspring of cartel founders, they bring a clean-cut management style to the murky multi-billion-dollar enterprise.

> **"They're harder to identify because they don't look like typical drug traffickers."**
> Political analyst Jorge Chabat

"These people are usually better prepared, better educated and very useful for the cartels because they're professionals," said political analyst Jorge Chabat.

"They're harder to identify because they don't look like typical drug traffickers," he said.

The new style does not mean the young drug barons are less ruthless or protected from the violence, though.

Heavily armed gunmen killed the son of Joaquin (Shorty) Guzman, Mexico's most-wanted man, outside a shopping mall last year.

While they may not kill rivals themselves, the young barons will order hits to stay ahead and are respected within the organizations, analysts say.

The new generation poses a challenge to Mexico's ill-equipped, badly paid and often poorly educated police, since sophisticated intelligence is needed to catch them.

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Iran invited to nuclear talks with six powers

DISCUSSIONS The U.S. and five other powers invited Iran on Wednesday to a meeting on its nuclear program after Washington dropped its opposition to direct talks with Tehran in a major change of policy.

The U.S., Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain said in a statement they would ask European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana to invite Tehran to the talks to find "a diplomatic solution to this critical issue."

Breaking with past U.S. policy of shunning direct talks with Iran, President Barack Obama's administration said the U.S. would join in nuclear discussions with Iran from now on.

"We strongly urge Iran to take advantage of this opportunity to engage seriously with all of us in a spirit of mutual respect," the six powers said after a meeting of senior diplomats in London.

An official in Solana's office said contacts would now be taken up with the Iranian government to arrange a meeting.

A Western diplomat said talks with Iran were expected to take place within the next few weeks.

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Space **Welcome back**

MIKHAIL METZEL/REUTERS

A medic measures the blood pressure of U.S. billionaire space tourist Charles Simonyi, right, as his wife, Lisa Persdotte, smiles after he returned Wednesday from the International Space Station in a Russian space capsule.

Chinese petitioners angry over psychiatrist's 'mentally ill' label

CHINA Angry Chinese petitioners descended on Beijing University Wednesday, protesting against comments by a prominent psychiatrist who branded them mentally ill.

But even as they arrived, police and security officers hauled them away as they shouted their complaints.

Sun Dongdong, head of the university's judicial expertise centre, ignited public anger by suggesting that 99 per cent of people who repeatedly petitioned the government were mentally ill. The centre helps judicial authorities evaluate a person's mental health.

Sun later said some of his words were used out of context by the media and misinterpreted by the public. Sun said he did not say 99 per cent of all "professional petitioners" in the country were mentally ill — only 99 per cent of "those whom he had met."

At least 100 middle-aged and old petitioners demonstrated at the university, shouting out complaints against Sun and voicing their grievances.

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Peddling naughty wares

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Andrea Woo

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It was a drizzling Saturday evening in B.C.'s Fraser Valley and I was prodding a replica vagina with modest intrigue and quiet condemnation.

I was at the Taboo Naughty But Nice Sex Show, for reasons that are still not clear, and the latex lady part was one of hundreds of items being peddled casually, like a Teflon frying pan at Costco.

Here, perusing the aisles of adult playthings under bright lights in a warehouse setting, one couldn't help but notice the sterilization of sex — something so significant in romantic relationships and usually so emotionally provocative — and the complete pointlessness of many of the products.

The strappy leather getup laden with grips and handles, for example, seemed rather unnecessary. (Do the kids today consider holding on to the body of one's partner too plebian?) The traffic-cone-size butt plug did not need to exist. The non-porous, glass dildo with a flower inside failed to pique my interest, despite the sales lady informing me it was "functional art" that's also "dishwasher safe." (Yes, let me put that in there next to my forks and Tupperware.)

And the middle-age woman selling vibrators at her corner kiosk like a female Billy Mayes? "It's like she was selling Cuisinart appliances," said one friend. We half expected the vibrator to also dice onions and absorb spills effortlessly.

Another friend theorizes the trade shows are deliberately unsexy, as to not intimidate the more conservative attendees.

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The sex toy industry peddles its products with the pitch these items could and should be an exciting and instrumental part of people's sex lives. Those who aren't interested, the inference would suggest, are boring, guarded or scared.

Organizers wanted the show to be sexy, exciting and risqué, but failed, because the reality is that CyberSkin and AA batteries and Liberator ramps are not sexy — people are. Toys are just that, and should be used as occasional accessories, without the permanency of the holes drilled into the ceiling to install a Love Swing™.

That said, I still think the Ultra Realistic Vibrating Vagina & Anus would make a pretty neat conversation piece.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

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Views

Is it too late to buy Canadian?

InStep

Christine Williams

We're still in the shock phase of a global economic meltdown. Nothing else explains why some voices are still shouting "buying Canadian" is the only way to save jobs. Albeit those voices should be applauded for their nationalist zeal, the encouragement of buying Canadian is comparatively different than issuing distress commands to buy Canadian; the latter signifying a reluctance to accept the inevitable outcome of globalization, which didn't galvanize overnight.

Its steady growth over the past couple of decades has triggered a mega-shift from the managed economy of the cold war era to the new modern demands for ideas, technology, innovations and entrepreneurships.

We encouraged competition and applauded free trade for enabling expansive opportunity and growth. Now we are faced with an inevitable consequence: Growing pains. We're now forced to seek solutions, which could take some time. But given the instant gratification mantra of the marketplace we readily gobbled up, it won't be easy.

We don't want to be caught off guard like Britain in the 19th century when the new U.S. economic empire arrived on the scene; so we must equip ourselves with knowledge to strategize into the future.

Let's meet a couple of multinational neighbours from the East: China, a dominant player in mass manufacturing, building multibillion-dollar industrial plants and electronics. And India, with high tech hubs like Bangalore producing chip designs, software and pharmaceuticals.

"The encouragement of buying Canadian is comparatively different than issuing distress commands to buy Canadian."

Goods come cheap in India, less than three grand a car. Many economists are predicting a shift in the balance of power to the East.

Recently "On the Line," I asked Leonard Brody, the CEO of NowPublic, how much sense buying Canadian meant. He said it made as much sense as asking someone to vacation Canadian.

David Cravit, CEO of Zoomer Media, offered his consoling advice that it made more sense to focus instead on becoming more competitive globally.

One only needs to look at the uncertainty facing the Big Three automakers to face up to the reality of the competitive global market.

With the focus of the G20 summit to prevent a worldwide depression and restore confidence in markets, we nervously await any positive news while practising the virtue of patience.

For those of us who could, I will still extol the patriotic advice: "Buy Canadian."

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

Worth mentioning

Experts argue for tax on sweet drinks

A penny-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks could help fight obesity by cutting consumption and raising billions of dollars to help state and local governments pay for programs, two experts said Wednesday.

Taxes have been shown to reduce smoking and are just as likely to help adults and children choose healthier drinks, which are now usually more expensive than sodas and other sweetened beverages, the experts wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The tax on drinks such as soda, sports drinks and sugar-sweetened fruit juice and iced tea could "reduce consumption of sugared beverages by more than 10 per cent," Kelly Brownell of Yale University in Connecticut and New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Frieden wrote.

"It is difficult to imagine producing behaviour change of this magnitude through education alone, even if government devoted massive resources to the task."

Studies show children and adolescents now consume 10 to 15 per cent of all their calories in beverages.

The soft drink industry opposes such a tax. Last month the American Beverage Association published a survey showing 70 per cent of Americans oppose a national tax on non-diet soft drinks.

The group says a tax could cost jobs in an industry that employs 220,000 people in the United States.

Brownell and Frieden said the tax revenue could be put to good use, raising $1.2 billion in New York state alone.

This could help offset some of the costs drinking too many soft drinks has imposed on society, they said.

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Venezuela to pay cement firms for takeover: Media
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Fears behind PC attacks?

Fake security software may be causing more infections

Computer users' growing fear of worms and viruses could be behind a recent spike in attacks on PCs via bogus security software, according to a Microsoft Corp. report published on Wednesday.

As the Conficker worm and other malicious software have grabbed headlines, more computer users have been looking for security programs online, some of which turn out to be agents for viruses themselves.

Out of hundreds of millions of PCs monitored by Microsoft for its twice yearly Security Intelligence Report, seven of the 25 top security threats came in the form of fake security programs.

In the last six months of 2008, Microsoft said it cleared 4.4 million PCs of the most successful bogus security program, which is named Win32/Renos.

That is a 67 per cent increase over the first half of 2008, said George Stathakopoulos, head of product security at Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group. REUTERS

Numbers

- Overall, Microsoft's report shows that instances of software security problems actually fell three per cent in the second half of last year from the first half. But the number defined as "high severity" rose four per cent.

Business in brief

HOUSING Canadian housing starts rose an unexpectedly strong 13.7 per cent in March, breaking a six-month losing streak, but analysts said the recovery is likely to be temporary.

MEDIA Cable and telecom company Shaw Communications Inc. said Wednesday that quarterly profit declined due to smaller tax gains, but that earnings excluding non-operating items were higher.

TECH Intel Corp., the world's largest chip maker, is uncertain when demand for semiconductors will revive, its chairman said on Wednesday. Global chip sales fell about 30 per cent in February.

HEALTH Desk jobs are increasing obesity, with many employees and employers ignorant of the risks of sitting down all day, researchers said on Wednesday. REUTERS

Japan **My Doggie Ring-Ring**

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An employee of Japanese mobile phone carrier KDDI poses Wednesday as she displays the company's new polka dot-pattern mobile phone and dog-shaped phone holder designed by artist Yayoi Kusama in Tokyo. The product, named My Doggie Ring-Ring, is priced at one million yen ($12,360) and will go on sale in Japan this summer for a limited edition of 100 sets.

Obama thanks Tar Heels coach

U.S. President Barack Obama called North Carolina basketball coach Roy Williams to congratulate the Tar Heels on their NCAA championship Tuesday. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs says Obama thanked Williams for "vindicating him in front of the entire country." Obama picked UNC to win the championship in his NCAA bracket. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Serena stunned in Spain

Top-ranked Serena Williams was upset by No. 95 Klara Zakopalova at Wednesday's first round of the Andalucia Tennis Experience clay-court tournament in Spain. The Czech converted seven break points in her 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 win. The WTA tour also said Wednesday that Dinara Safina will surpass Williams for the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis later this month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Jackets make playoffs

NHL RESULTS

Jackets 4, Hawks 3 (SO)

For the first time ever, the Columbus Blue Jackets are headed to the post-season.

The Blue Jackets, who began play in 2000, were the only active NHL team never to have made the playoffs.

They sealed the deal Wednesday night with a 4-3 shootout win over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Blue Jackets blue-liner Fedor Tyutin had the only goal in the shootout.

Rick Nash, Antoine Vermette and Jason Williams scored for Columbus. Brent Seabrook, Dave Bolland and Martin Havlat scored for the Blackhawks.

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Fedor Tyutin of the Columbus Blue Jackets slips the puck past Nikolai Khabibulin of the Chicago Blackhawks during a shootout Wednesday night in Chicago. The Blue Jackets won 4-3.

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Tiger all the talk at Masters

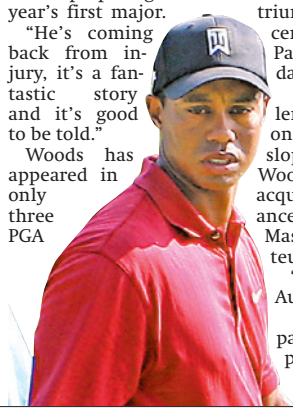
GOLF Tiger Woods has dominated much of the talk ahead of Thursday's opening round at the Masters where the world No. 1 will be bidding to win his 15th major title.

A four-time champion at Augusta National, Woods will be competing in his first major since his playoff victory at the U.S. Open in June before he was sidelined for eight months while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.

"When you get to the bigger stage, Tiger is the top dog and he deserves the attention with what he's done," British Open champion Padraig Harrington told reporters while preparing for the year's first major.

"He's coming back from injury, it's a fantastic story and it's good to be told."

Woods has appeared in only three PGA Tour events since making his much anticipated return to the circuit but he triumphed in his most recent start, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational 10 days ago.



The biggest challenge at Augusta comes on the slick, severely sloping greens and Woods has become well acquainted with their nuances since making his Masters debut as an amateur in 1995.

"I feel pretty good at Augusta," said Woods. "I know how to prepare the way I like to play the tournament."

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Canucks set high bar for themselves

ToulBox

Scott Rintoul

metronews.ca/toulbox

In previous seasons, Tuesday's win over the Flames would have been hailed as a monumental accomplishment in Vancouver.

This year, however, the expected enthusiasm was tempered by a group that has much loftier expectations.

Ryan Kesler said it "wasn't a very good effort" and warned that a quick exit from the playoffs is in store unless the Canucks tighten up defensively.

Ryan Johnson echoed those thoughts and added, "there wasn't much to feel good about" outside of Roberto Luongo's superb play and, of course, the result itself.

When such comments come from fans and the media, it can be regarded as nitpicking; when they come from players, there is much more validity. Some teams say the right things, but their words are simply used to conceal a disappointing reality.

The Canucks are making these statements with the type of resolve that has been almost non-existent during the existence of this organization.

Both of Vancouver's lengthy playoff runs came from teams that were feisty underdogs.

Though this year's crew is not quite considered a part of the NHL's upper crust, the Canucks are widely regarded as a legitimate threat in the Western Conference — a far cry from Vancouver's historical reputation. Not bad for a team that one national writer picked to finish 29th overall this season.

In the course of seven months, the Canucks have gone from a group that appeared void of identity to one that truly believes it can compete for a Stanley Cup. Whether or not you agree is inconsequential; the fact that this team deems itself a Cup contender represents a major step for this franchise.

Scott Rintoul can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m. scott.rintoul@team1040.ca.

Tonight

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It's the final home game of the regular season for a Canucks club that still has designs on adding a division title to its resume. Vancouver has won two of three meetings with the Kings this season, but can ill afford to take the visitors lightly.

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A playoff checklist

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Having an elite goalie like Roberto Luongo is a key part of Vancouver Canucks' hopes for playoff success.

Breaking news, hockey fans: There's an NHL playoff checklist in existence. And if your team can check off the six items on the list, you're guaranteed a Stanley Cup victory and mid-June parade.

Do the Canucks have everything checked off, or will they just check out?

Let's see:

Simply The Best...Goalie

Ask anybody, and they'll tell you that if you want to win in the spring, you need superior goaltending. Then ask anybody else, and they'll tell you that Roberto Luongo is the most superior goaltender in the league.

Legitimate First Line

The Sedins seem like more of a 1A line than a true No. 1 unit, but Daniel and Henrik have been Vancouver's go-to guys for so long they're accustomed to the role. Plus, with Alex Burrows breaking out in a big way, the Sedins have the best linemate they've had during their eight-year tenure in Vancouver.

Old Guy Without A Ring

Why else do you think the Canucks signed Mats Sundin in the middle of the season? For secondary scoring?! Get outta here… Every team needs inspiration, motivation and perspiration in the playoffs, and the Canucks know they'll get all three from Sundin.

Secondary Scoring

Yes, of course, Sundin was acquired in the hopes he could solidify a second scoring unit. While he hasn't been the offensive force that was anticipated, Sundin has created space for linemates Pavol Demitra and (especially) Ryan Kesler and has helped take the pressure off of the Sedins. Plus, it's all about the playoff payoff — if Sundin sings in the spring, the Canucks won't care if he hit a few sour notes back in January.

Defence! Defence! Defence!

Mattias Ohlund has been on the Canucks blueline since 1997; Sami Salo has been in Vancouver since 2002. Kevin Bieksa has been around for four seasons; Willie Mitchell for three. When your top four D-men have that much familiarity, it can only be a good thing. Even Alexander Edler has been around for three years, if you count a 22-game audition in 2006-07.

The Core, The Core, The Core

Here's a theory on why teams like Detroit and New Jersey are successful year after year after year. The rosters of the Wings and Devils are dotted with players who have been there for a decade or more – and know what it takes to win. Longtimers such as Kris Draper, Kurt Maltby and Chris Chelios in Detroit and Colin White, John Madden and Brian Gionta in New Jersey set the win-at-all-costs tone for the team. And the Canucks have their share of these players, too, led by the Sedins, Salo and Ohlund.

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Pampered Chef

The new line from The Pampered Chef is out now featuring a natural clay deep-covered baker and an array of bamboo kitchenware items (cooker at left). See Pamperedchef.com for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Home Library

Finding the perfect pattern

BOOKS

Country living Perfect Patterns for Walls, Floors, Fabrics and Furniture, by Marie Proeller Hueston, $22; Hearst. Does the thought of checks, stripes and florals in the same room send chills down your spine? Relax! The editors of Country Living magazine share proven tips for mixing patterns that live well together and make for fabulous design. A few of their many tips: Group patterns using a common scheme (one or two colours work best); space out dominant patterns to keep them harmonious; and relegate bold patterns to the smaller elements in a room, like pillows or bedskirts, so they shine, not shout.

–JENN HOULIHAN

Tasting notes in style

Green, yellow, black or white — all come from the same plant, Camellia sinensis, but it's how they're harvested and processed that make each tea taste different.

White tea is composed of silvery buds, making a pale yellow brew. Delicate and subtle, it has maple, citrus or floral notes.

Green tea is air-dried and then cooked. Chinese green tea is more mature than white and has a fuller flavour, reminiscent of vegetables or honey. Milled into a fine powder called **MATCHA**, Japanese versions create a greener "liquor" (what tea pros call brewed tea).

Oolong tea can be any colour from yellow to orange to green, and gives off a floral or fruity aroma.

Black tea is dark and fragrant — a British staple that can range from pucker inducing to a hint of honey, fruit or malt.

Herbal tea is a popular tea alternative, made not from the tea plant but rather a mix of fresh or dried flowers, seeds, leaves or roots. So if you crave a cup of chamomile or soothing mint to unwind, we won't judge!

Did you know

Optimal water temperature and infusion time depend on the tea type — generally, the darker the tea, the hotter the water needed and the longer the infusion time.

Here's how to brew the perfect cuppa in three easy steps.

- Bring fresh, cold spring or filtered water to a rolling boil; let cool 2 minutes. White and green teas should be brewed at 160˚F to 190F to preserve their delicate flavours; black tea tastes best at 205˚F.
- Warm a ceramic or glass teapot with a swish of boiling water.
- Place tea leaves or bag in teapot; pour in water and steep as desired (1 to 3 minutes for green tea; up to 5 minutes for black). Remove leaves or bag to avoid overinfusing.

–PRODUCED BY JENN HOULIHAN

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Clockwise from left: Halo Bone China $75 (1.09 l), White Pearl Bone China $60 (0.91 l), from Crate and Barrel, (crateandbarrel.ca). Portmeirion White Oak by Sophie Conran Porcelain $50 (1.13 l), The Main Course (themaincourse.ca), Wedgwood Colosseum Fine Bone China $153 (0.9 l), William Ashley (williamashley.com). Bone China Single-Serve$20, Homesense (homesense.ca).

Decor

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How to land the perfect house for a 'mortgage helper'

Some people call them "in-law suites"; some call them "mortgage helpers", but by any name having a finished basement to rent can make all the difference between affording a house or just a condo in the Vancouver market. But what should you be looking for when a house with a rentable basement is what you want?

First thing to pay attention to is the zoning of the house. You will find often that houses with basement suites are only zoned for single family residential. Buying one of these properties without paying special attention to the zoning bylaw can result in you not being able to legally rent the space. While you may still find tenants willing to rent, your recourses should the rental go sideways could be limited. As well, if you are reported to the city, you could be forced to cease the rental.

Once you find a property with a legal basement suite, you want to check to see if the space is already rented to tenants and if so, what the terms of the current lease are. Remember, you cannot just evict a tenant you do not like. Tenants have many rights and as a new landlord you must continue to adhere to them. Before submitting an offer on the house read the lease, check all the background information of the tenants.

Finally, and probably most important, find a house in an area that is close to transit and amenities. It is very hard to place a tenant in a property that is off the beaten path.

HouseLeague

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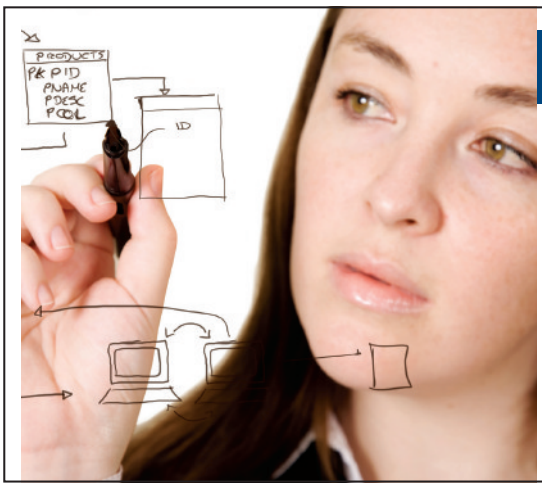

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More than retail value in vintage decor

UrbanDweller

Apparently Christie's is auctioning off a goldmine of rare antiques from the Southam family estate in a house (and by 'house' I mean 'mansion') not far from my house (and by that I mean '1970s apartment.') A soup tureen may garner six-digit bids. A settee about the size of a condo-sized sofa — and there's where the comparison ends — will have collectors clamoring to exchange it for heaps of cash.

Like the Antiques Road Show, this news keeps me well aware of the fact that most of the furnishings in my home are, relatively speaking, crap. When I shed my mortal coil, my numerous nephews might cherry-pick a chair here or a lamp there but they'll likely sell the rest for one everything-must-go price on Craigslist. Yet every once in a while you read about some old lady who finds she's got a find among her clutter of everyday things, like that garage-sale splatter painting that turned out to be a Pollock. I could be that old lady, I thought, as I started researching a dust-coloured rug that's been in our family as far as I can remember.

It's a wonky little textile, featuring what looks like two bombs and some mysterious lines of arrows pointing in odd directions. It was intriguing enough for my mom to bring it home from a Sally Ann on East Hastings in 1969, and it was intriguing enough for me to save it from going back to goodwill a couple of summers ago.

I searched every book on Oriental carpets at the library, but soon found better luck in an online discussion group, mixing it up with some scholarly collectors of Central Asian tribal rugs. I posted a pic and was rewarded with well-thought-out replies. Aside from informing me that the carpet was photographed upside-down (how embarrassing), they weighed in on ideas about the unusual design. I felt this close to discovering that the rug was a highly collectible rarity from the remote Steppes region of Afghanistan when one collector gently suggested it was a tribal knock-off of a more valuable style — and suffering from a bad case of faded synthetic dye.

Pooh.

So this will be added to my one-price-for-the-lot collection of junk after all.

But the search did reveal something else of value: Communities of good-natured, interesting folks are just a click away.

And the value in little old things can be in the stories they hold.

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Helpful tips to get started on yard work

SYLVIA PUTZ
for Metro Canada

Most people start thinking about yard cleanup when they notice shoots from snow-drops or crocuses poking out of the soil.

When this happens, loosen and remove the mulch from around the shoots. Don't allow them to be smothered under that compacted layer of leaves and dead plant material that has accumulated over the winter.

But don't take the whole layer off just yet. Keep the unpredictable weather conditions of early spring in mind. Wait until you are reasonably sure there will be no more snow or freezing temperatures. These early spring plants will need some protection when the departing season blows its last, desperate icy breaths.

In the meantime, you can clean the rest of the garden and yard of detritus, leaves, branches, and any trash that has blown in. Cut back perennials like Rudbeckia or Sedum or any ornamental grasses that you may have left standing over the winter.

"Just think — by next year, you'll have the spring yard cleanup routine down to an art."

When weather is more consistently warm, you may remove all leafy waste from around the plants. If your soil is poor, work compost or an organic fertilizer into the soil before you plant annuals, and around perennials after they have begun to sprout and are two to three inches tall.

Once the soil is exposed, spread organic mulch such as bark, wood chips or shredded leaves around perennials and over annual beds to discourage weed growth and keep soil temperature and humidity more agreeable when the sun starts to bake exposed soil. Whatever you use, make sure water can percolate through.

If you have grass, give it a good deep raking as soon as it starts to turns green. This stimulates growth by removing thatch, or dead grass from the last season.

For shrubs and bushes that bloom in summer or fall, you may prune them in late winter or early spring to take off dead limbs, rejuvenate the plant and to maintain a pleasing shape. To avoid pruning off blooms of spring-blooming shrubs that flower from last year's growth, prune only when the blooms begin to die off.

Just think — by next year, you'll have the spring yard cleanup routine down to an art, no doubt to the astonishment of your friends and neighbours.

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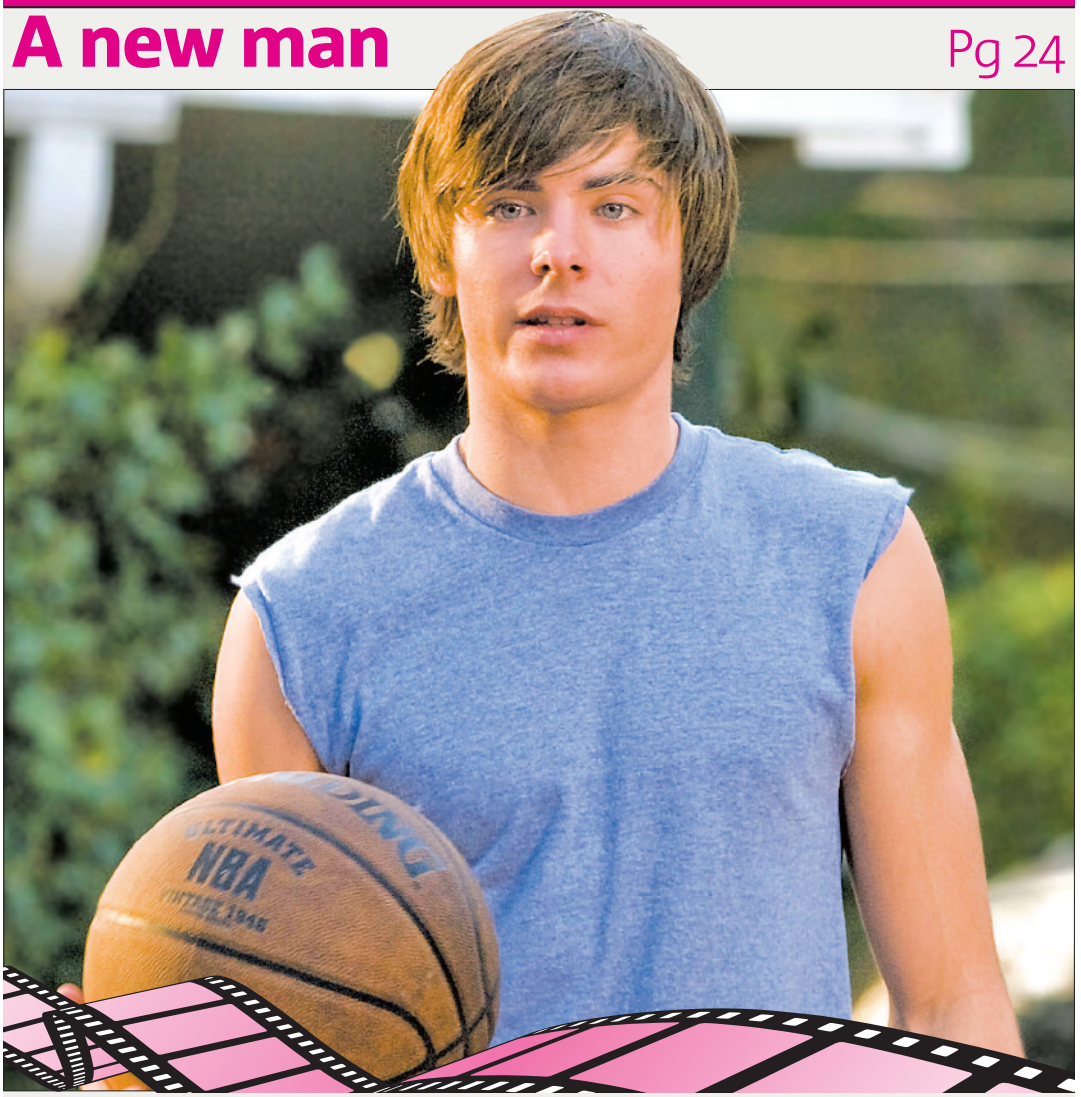

The first thing you see in 17 Again is Zac Efron sweaty and shirtless — the heartthrob as you know him. But after the opening, the story gets under way, and the Disney teen star gets his first real chance to stretch himself and mature his career.

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You don't know this Zac

Teen star attempts to shed Disney image with edgier films

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

The first thing you see in 17 Again is Zac Efron — Hollywood heartthrob, star of the High School Musical franchise, bedroom wall decoration for girls the world over — sweaty and shirtless, landing three-pointer after three-pointer in an empty gym.

The filmmakers obviously know how to play to their base.

But after the opening — followed by an impromptu dance routine by Efron to Bust a Move — the story gets underway, and the Disney teen star gets his first real chance to stretch himself, to break out of the Tiger Beat ghetto.

"When I read the script, there were a million different things to play," Efron says. "Playing that kind of complicated character held a lot of opportunities."

Ask anyone involved with the production about Efron, and they are quick to commend his work ethic. Even after suffering from appendicitis during production, the actor was back at work the next day — and even called his co-workers to apologize for delaying filming.

"I could've ruined the movie," Efron explains, deathly serious.

High School Musical star Zac Efron returns to the big screen with 17 Again.

And Efron even asked for a memento from the production halting surgery: The appendix itself.

"I said to the doctor, 'When it's out, can I have it?' And he was like, 'Yeah, sure,'" Efron says. "And the thing disappeared. Somebody's got it right now."

But he's not terribly concerned. "It's not like it works."

Efron has been keeping a much more watchful eye on his future career development now that High School Musical is behind him. His next film, Orson Welles and Me, is a period drama about the Victory Theater.

He even considered a cameo in Gus Van Sant's Oscar-winning Milk, but scheduling conflicts made it impossible.

Perhaps the surest sign that Efron is looking to broaden his resume and get away from the material he was first known for is his recent decision to opt out of a musical remake of Footloose. But Efron insists it has less to do with typecasting than it does with personal and professional growth.

"Since I was young, I've always loved trying new things and acquiring new skill sets," the actor says. "I'm ready to try something else, a new challenge. I want to move forward. To be stagnant right now just is not in my heart."

Sure, but what about that dance number? Did he worry about starting off his attempt at breaking out by tossing a bone to his song-and-dance fans?

"When I heard there was going to be a dance, it wasn't like, 'Oh, man, we're doing this again?'" Efron says. "Once we figured it out, it fit. At the beginning of the movie, he's on top of the world. He's high on life. He's got everything going for him and he just wants to bust a move with some cheerleaders."

Movie feature

Opening day

- 17 Again opens in Theatres across Canada on Friday, April 17.

A scene from Shall We Kiss?

Shall We Kiss? lacking passion

Shall We Kiss?

Director: Emmanuel Mouret
Stars: Julie Gayet, Virginie Leodyen
Classification: STC
Rating:

ADAMA NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In the French import Shall We Kiss?, the alluring come-on of the title gets fraught with complications; the first scene of Emmanuel Mouret's neatly structured comedy of manners finds an attractive young woman (Julie Gayet) unexpectedly withholding a goodnight peck from her date (Michael Cohen).

The rest of the film contextualizes her hesitation through the story of two friends — married laboratory researcher Judith (Virginie Leodyen) and perpetually dumped elementary schoolteacher Nicolas (Mouret) — whose platonic bond gets frayed after their relentless discussions about romance wind up leading them into the bedroom.

Once there, much awkwardness ensues, but despite its various cringe-inducing interludes (including what might be the most tentative foreplay in movie history) Shall We Kiss? never crosses the line into the comedy of pure cruelty.

Mouret likes his characters too much to completely put them through the wringer, and Judith and Nicolas retain their basic intelligence even when they're making dubious decisions.

If there's one thing Mouret's direction could use, it's more passion. There's a blandness that makes the film feel less like the heir to the great French romantic-comedy tradition than an extended, subtitled episode of an above-average sitcom.

Nothing much to Observe and Report

Observe and Report

Director: Jody Hill
Stars: Seth Rogen, Anna Faris
Classification: 18A
Rating:

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

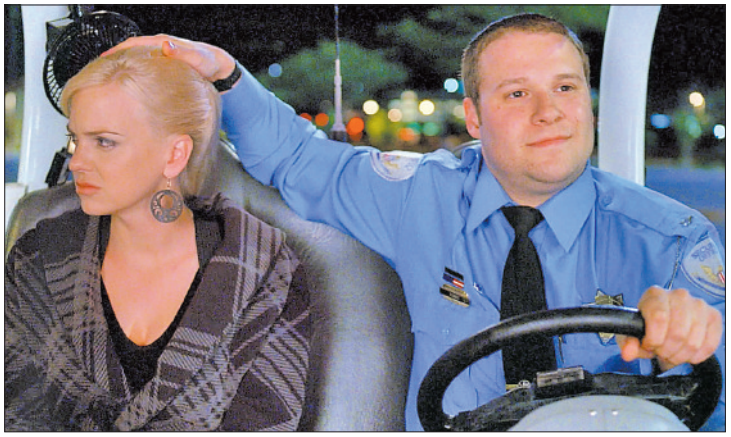
REVIEW There's a scene midway through Observe and Report that sums the film up completely. While Detective Harrison (Ray Liotta) is telling mall cop Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen) that he didn't pass the psychological test required for the police academy, another detective is listening in the closet, unbeknownst to Ronnie.

Halfway through the scene, the detective steps out, interrupting the two men. "I'm sorry," he explains. "I thought this was going to be funny. But it's really just kind of sad."

The second mall cop movie this year, Observe has as much in common with Paul Blart: Mall Cop as Home Alone does with Last House on the Left.

Most of the laughs come from jarring violence and some truly pervasive language. And while often unsettling, much of the outrageous humour works well, especially Anna Faris' work as the object of Ronnie's misplaced affection. And Rogen, adding extra pounds and shedding his usual nice-guy persona, disappears into his bipolar, trigger-happy antihero.

In another, more traditional comedy — say, one that focused on Liotta's detective instead — Ronnie would be a supporting role, used simply for comic relief. But Observe and Report decides to linger on the oddball, and sometimes spending that much time with that type of character isn't exactly rewarding.



Anna Faris and Seth Rogen star in Observe and Report.

The longer we stay with Ronnie and listen to his unrelenting, Travis Bickle-like philosophies, the more we realize he is in fact a psychopath. While he struggles for validation for his behaviour, the only real lesson he learns is that he isn't trying hard enough, and it all leads to a deeply unsettling climax in which all of Ronnie's actions are validated.

It's easier to identify with Liotta than with Rogen, and it's never clear if we're supposed to be cheering Ronnie or pitying him.

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Megan Fox eyed for She-Hulk role

Megan Fox is being lined up to play She-Hulk. The Transformers star is the favourite to portray the giant green female in the big screen adaptation of the popular comic book series about The Incredible Hulk's cousin. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Movie careers on suicide watch

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Two things in the last 24 hours have gotten me thinking about movie stars who seem determined to throw their careers away.

First, I saw a picture of Lindsay Lohan slumped over in the backseat of a limo. With a tangled mess of flame coloured hair obscuring her face, the former A-lister looked, to put it mildly, a little worse for the wear and tear.

Secondly, I saw Two Lovers, a new drama starring Joaquin Phoenix as a depressed man torn between two women. Watching his work made me wish he would go to the barber, get a shave, stop his infantile flirtation with becoming the new Vanilla Ice and get back to doing what he does best — create interesting, layered characters for the big screen.

Both are accomplished stars — he's a two time Oscar nominee and just four years ago she won the Superstar of Tomorrow award — and both have recently been added to a long list of Hollywood actors who, through personal temperament, ego or bad management, have allowed their careers to swirl down the drain.

The most cheerless flameout of recent years has to be Tom Sizemore. After a string of arrests, failed drug tests (one involving a prosthetic penis) and a self-marketed amateur porn tape, the once formidable star of Strange Days and Saving Private Ryan has sunk so low even Paris Hilton denies having a one-night-stand with him.

Rupert Everett told the New York Times Magazine that defining his sexuality was career suicide as a leading man. "I wanted to be a movie star," he said. "I had a difficult set of circumstances to deal with, particularly for a movie career. Being gay. It just doesn't work." Times have changed since 1997 when he came out, (just ask Ian McKellen) but the damage to Everett's career was already done. I'd further suggest making horrible movies with Madonna (remember The Next Best Thing? Its 17 per cent rating at Rotten Tomatoes says it all) was the postscript on his career suicide note.

Joaquin Phoenix's work in Two Lovers makes columnist Richard Crouse wish that he'd drop his rap act.

As difficult as it is to see once promising careers evaporate, like everything in this ever shifting world not even career suicide is permanent.

Just a few years ago Tom Cruise looked like he was, as Film Threat wrote, "a man on a career-suicide mission," but even after the one-two punch of bad publicity following his couch gymnastics on the Oprah show, insults to Brooke Shields and the release of the fetid Lions For Lambs, Cruise bounced back. He was welcomed back by a Golden Globe nomination for Tropic Thunder, his first major award nod in five years.

Joaquin, Lindsay, Tom and Everett take note.

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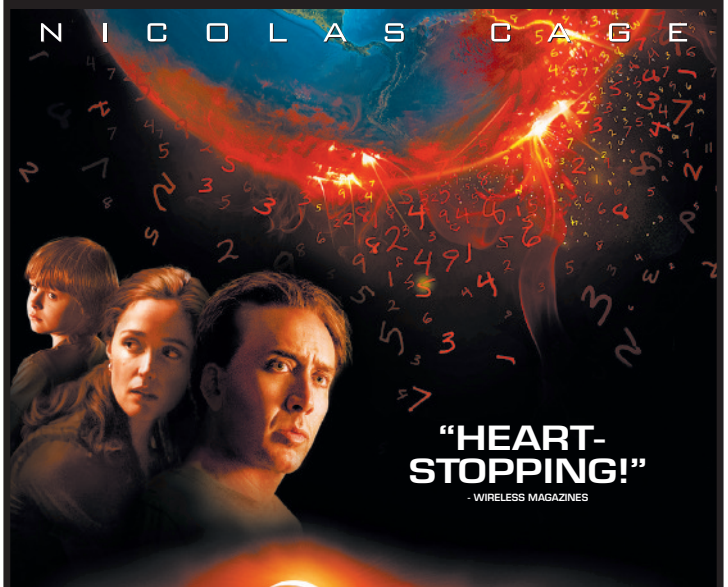

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Mysteries disappoints

Mysteries of Pittsburgh

Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber
Stars: Jon Foster, Mena Suvari, Peter Sarsgaard
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Peter Sarsgaard, front, Sienna Miller and Jon Foster star in The Mysteries of Pittsburgh, a film version of the Michael Chabon novel.

REVIEW Michael Chabon's debut novel Mysteries Of Pittsburgh caused quite a stir in 1988. The award-winning best seller announced the arrival of a future Pulitzer Prize winning author. Twenty years later, we're finally getting a Mysteries Of Pittsburgh movie and while it's probably not the film fans of the book wanted, it's a decent little flick in it's own way.

The movie is about Art Bechstein (Jon Foster) a young man caught in a Graduate-style post college daze. Struggling to decide what to do with his life, he splits his time between empty sexual liaisons with his bookstore manager Phlox (Mena Suvari) and drunkenly waxing philosophical with an intellectual biker named Cleveland (Peter Sarsgaard) and his beautiful girlfriend (Sienna Miller).

Things get complicated when Cleveland starts to pressure Art into meeting his gangster father (Nick Nolte) and Art starts to develop feelings for both Cleveland and his girlfriend. Art essentially spends the film avoiding decisions, leading to disastrous consequences.

The film manages to capture the feeling of post-collegiate dread that defines the novel, but the story just doesn't work as well as it did on the page. Part of that has to do with the fact that Art is a passive protagonist.

This was fine in the book where he is the omnipresent narrator, but not in the film where he's simply a boring and irritatingly indecisive main character. It also doesn't help that writer/director Rawson Marshall Thurber (Dodgeball) combined several of the novel's characters to condense the book to 90 minutes, simplifying the relationships in a way that diminishes the overall emotional impact.

But that's not to say that Thurber butchered the novel. No book can be directly translated to the screen and he came up with a variety of interesting ways to condense the source material.

Ultimately, some books just aren't meant to be movies and Mysteries Of Pittsburgh is clearly one of them.

This film might have been an interesting project if the novel never existed, but it will always pale in comparison to the fascinating source material.

Scorsese to receive multicultural award
Martin Scorsese will be honoured with the Multicultural Motion Picture Association's humanitarian award on April 21. Scorsese will be the second ever recipient of the honour, which was presented to Clint Eastwood last year. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Leads lift Lovers

Two Lovers
Director: James Gray
Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Gwyneth Paltrow
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

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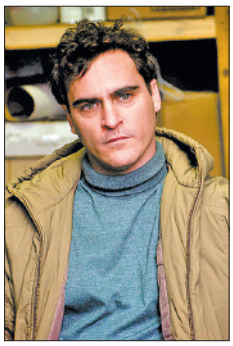

A scene from Two Lovers.

REVIEW James Gray's superb 2007 thriller We Own the Night concluded with an affirmation of love wracked by painful ambivalence, and his follow-up, Two Lovers, ends on a similarly devastating note.

It's not that the film, which borrows narrative elements from Fyodor Dostoevsky's short story White Nights (and something of its dreamy visual texture from Luschino Visconti's 1957 film adaptation), contains much in the way of surprise.

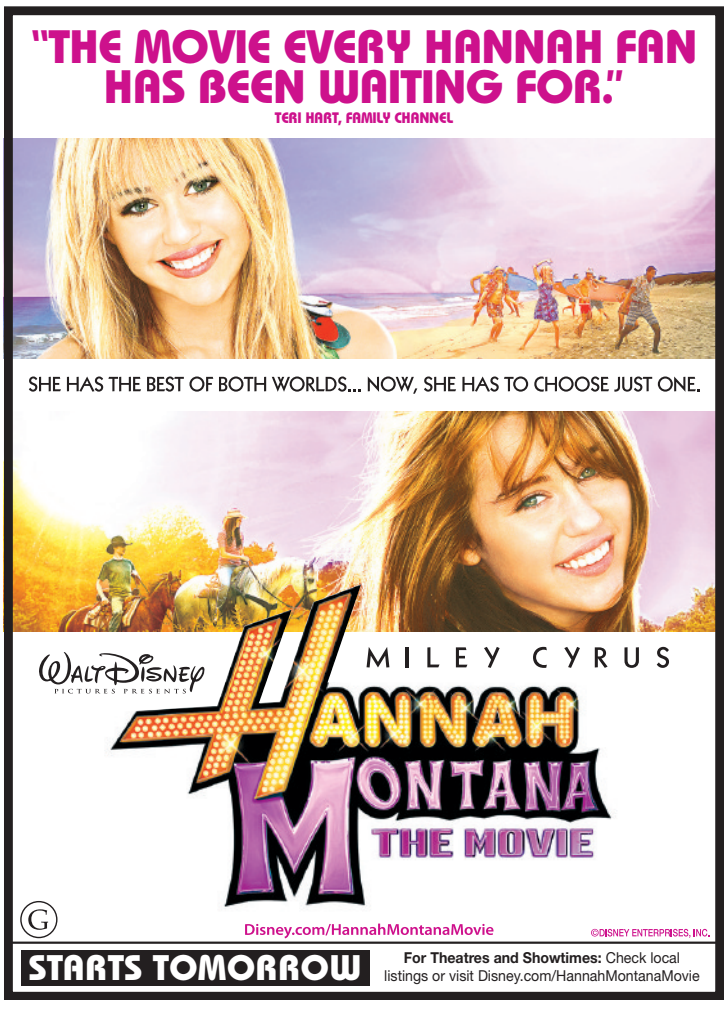
From the moment that bipolar amateur photographer Leonard (Joaquin Phoenix) locks eyes on his gorgeous blond neighbour Michelle (Gwyneth Paltrow) in the hallway of the Brighton Beach apartment complex where he lives with his parents, it's apparent that we're dealing with a one-way attraction.

What makes Two Lovers so affecting, then, is how seriously it takes its protagonist's lovelorn condition — in lieu of a Hollywood Meet Cute. Gray gives us an empathetic yet faintly disturbing portrait of all-consuming obsession.

A lot of the credit is due to Phoenix's terrifically modulated lead performance. But Gray, who is frequently mischaracterized as a macho auteur, also gives us two compelling female characters.

Besides Paltrow's credibly damaged, endlessly self-destructive party-girl Michelle, there's also Sandra (Vinessa Shaw), an introverted young woman who has been positioned as a love match for Leonard by his overbearing parents.

In another film, Sandra might have simply been an obstacle to Leonard's dream-girl pursuit, but in Gray's more generous conception, she emerges as a whole person, complicating the meaning of Two Lovers' title and ultimately giving its final movements a good deal of their emotional heft.



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200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

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He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 1-4:05-6:50-9:35 Sat 4:05-6:50-9:35 Sun-Mon 1-4:05-6:50-9:35 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:35
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:25-7:30-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:30-9:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-4-7-9:40 Tue-Thu 7-9:40
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:30 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:30
Opus Arte: Easter at King's: Messiah (STC) Digital Presentation Sat 1
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:25 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:25

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:20-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:30
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-7:10-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
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Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:20-7:10 Tue-Thu 7:10
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Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:40

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-2:55-5-7:10-9:30 No Passes Mon 12:55-2:55-5-7:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-7:10
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon 1:20-4:30-7:20 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:20
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:05-9:40 No Passes Mon 1:15-4:20-7:05 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:20-7:05
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:25-6:55-9:50 Mon 1:10-4:25-6:55 Tue-Thu 4:25-6:55
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:15-7-9:45 Mon 1:05-4:15-7 Tue-Thu 4:15-7
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Sun 1-3-5:05-7:15-9:35 Mon 1-3-5:05-7:15 Tue-Thu 5:05-7:15

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

8x10 Tasveer (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:10-9:55
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:3-40-6:40-9:40
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05-10:05
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:05-1:45-3-4:05-5-6:30-7:20-8-9:30-10:10-10:40
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Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:25
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:45
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:25
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:45
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:30-6:50-9:35 Thu 3:30-6:50-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 10
Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:15-8:15
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 4:20-7:55

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 7-9:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Mon 1-3-5-7-9 Tue-Thu 5-7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:25-4:40-7:05-9:35
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:30-4-6:50-7:30-9:40-10:25
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Tue 12:25-4:10-7:25-10:15 Wed 12:25-4:10-10:15 Thu 12:25-4:10-7:25-10:15
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:45-7:10-9:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Tue 12:05-3:40-6:55-10 Wed 3:40-6:55-10 Thu 12:05-3:40-6:55-10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:45
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:10-4:30-7-9:30
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:40-10:20

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Sun 1:55-5-7:35-10 Mon 1:55-5-7:35 Tue-Thu 5-7:35
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:55-7:25-9:45 Mon 2-4:55-7:25 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:25
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:30-10:05 Mon 1:50-4:45-7:30 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:30
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55 Mon 1:40-4:30-7:15 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:10-9:35 Mon 1:45-4:50-7:10 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:20-9:50 Mon 1:35-4:35-7:20 Tue-Thu 4:35-7:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:40-7:50 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse St., 604-523-2911

12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:35
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:20-2:45-5-7:30-10 No Passes Wed 3:10-5:20-7:30-10 No Passes Thu 12:20-2:45-5-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
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Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-1-3:05-4-7:05-7:45-10-10:45 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:25-10:25
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I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:05-10:05
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 10:40
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3-5:30-7:50-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-12-2-2:30-4:30-5-6:50-7:20-9:15-9:45
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:10-7:45-10:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:35
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:55
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-5:15-9

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Mon 12-6:30 Tue-Thu 6:30
Coraline (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Mon 2:10-4:30 Tue-Thu 4:30
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-8:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Mon 2:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Mon 12-2:15-7 Tue-Thu 7
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 6:40-9:05 Sat-Mon 12-6:40-9:05 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:05
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 8:35

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

8x10 Tasveer (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:05-9:50
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Tue 1-1:35-3:55-4:30-6:55-7:25-9:30-10:15 Wed 1:35-3:55-4:30-6:55-7:25-9:30-10:15 Thu 1-1:35-3:55-4:30-6:55-7:25-9:30-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:35-7:10-9:55
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:25-8:05
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:05
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:10-5:20-7:40-10:10
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:40
Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:30-10
Tera Mera Ki Rishta (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-8

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

17 Again (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 7
Adventureland (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:05
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:25
Duplicity (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:55-9:50
Fast & Furious (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:15-1:45-4-4:30-6:50-7:30-9:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu 1:15-1:45-4-4:30-7:30-9:45-10:15
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:20-9:55
I Love You, Man (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:35-10:10
Knowing (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:05-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:40
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:15
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:45-9:20
Observe and Report (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:20

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Mon 2-7:20-9:30 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Mon 1-3:20-7-9 Tue-Thu 7-9
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Mon 2:10-7:30-9:35 Tue-Thu 7:30-9:35
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:05 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:05

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-7:20 Tue-Thu 7:20
Adventureland (14A) Fri-Mon 1:15-4-7:45-10:25 Tue-Thu 4-7:45-10:25
Dragonball: Evolution (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 11:45-2:05-4:35-6:55-9:25 No Passes Tue 4:35-6:55-9:25 No Passes Wed 6:55-9:25 No Passes Thu 4:35-6:55-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Mon 12:10-3:55-7:05-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:55-7:05-10:15
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Mon 12:15-12:45-1:30-3:15-3:45-4:15-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:30-10:10-10:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-3:45-4:15-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:30-10:10-10:30
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I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Mon 12:25-3:50-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 3:50-7:20-10:10
Knowing (14A) Fri-Mon 12:05-3:30-7-9:55 Tue-Thu 3:30-7-9:55
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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Mon 12:35-3:40-6:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 12:55-4:25-7:15-9:45 Tue 4:25-7:15-9:45 Wed 4:25-10 Thu 4:25-7:15-9:45
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Mon 1-5:15-9:15 Tue-Thu 5:15-9:15

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

The Day the Earth Stood Still (STC) Fri-Sat 12:30
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 8:15 Sun-Thu 10:15
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun-Thu 8:15

Billboard's top albums
1. Love, Pain & the Whole Crazy Thing, Keith Urban; **2.** LotusFlow3r, Prince; **3.** Quiet Nights, Diana Krall; **4.** NOW 30, Various Artists; **5.** Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus, right): The Movie Soundtrack. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Krall's sleepless nights

Jazz singer juggles motherhood, touring and recording

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If it seemed like Diana Krall was taking some time off from her busy life the last couple of years, think again. She might not have been on tour, but producing a Barbra Streisand album, creating a new disc of her own, and raising twin boys is anything but a relaxing vacation.

"I haven't had more than a couple weeks off in many months," says an exhausted Krall, who has spent the last week talking to media. "I took two weeks in January, then started full on again. I wanted to do this album, and when I'm with my children I'm with my children. I haven't slept in a week."

Krall's world is only going to get busier, as she's about to embark on a five-month tour in support of her latest record, Quiet Nights. The disc sees the artist, and wife to Elvis Costello, tackle an entire record of Bossa Nova tunes.

It's a genre she's always dabbled in — her biggest hit, the Look of Love, featured a Bossa Nova groove — but it's the first time she's dedicated an entire record to the Brazilian sound. "I've always liked the genre," she says. "I've been a fan of Sergio Mendez, João Gilberto and Stan Getz for years."

But it was her partnership with arranger Claus Ogerman, who worked with Krall on Look of Love, that energized her interest in Bossa Nova. "It's because of Clause," she says, explaining why she made this record. "I started listening to Gilberto at Carnegie Hall and then I went to Brazil and got into the grooviness of the people and music there. And, since Clause worked with (Bossa Nova legend) Antonio Carlos Jobim, it just felt like this was the right direction."

Diana Krall is embarking on a five-month tour in support of latest record, Quiet Nights.

"You want to put everything on an album, but you pay people to wisely give their very valued opinion."

Diana Krall

Like her previous discs, Krall takes other people's tunes and makes them her own. Standouts include Burt Bacharach's Walk On By, Jobim's Este Seu Olhar, and The Boy From Ipanema, originally sung as The Girl from Ipanema by Astrud Gilberto.

Picking what tunes to perform was the hardest part of making this disc, says Krall. But she had some help. "You want to put everything on an album," she explains, "but you pay people to wisely give their very valued opinion."

One person she didn't ask for advice was her husband, but he wasn't left out of the album creating process entirely. "His input comes in after I've made the record," she says. "He's very much the artist so he helps by being supportive when I say I really want something to be a certain way."

Krall on tour

- Diana Krall plays the Orpheum Theatre on May 13 & 14.

Junior Boys go the distance for new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Recording an album when your bandmate lives across an ocean from you can be tricky, but if you're as determined as Hamilton-based band The Junior Boys, distance is no obstacle to creating good music.

To record their new disc, Begone Dull Care, the electro duo, which features Jeremy Greenspan and Matt Didemus, didn't share MP3s via email. Instead they laid down tracks the old fashioned way, by travelling between Hamilton and Berlin — where Didemus lives — to work on music face to face.

"It was expensive, but it worked out because I got elite status on Air Canada now," jokes Greenspan. "I wasn't interested in doing that whole sending things off. We're big believers that the equipment and conditions all play a central role in where music is going to go."

Begone Dull Care the new album from The Junior Boys (Jeremy Greenspan, left, and Matt Didemus) is now available in stores.

That being said, the twosome did write things independent of one another, so it wasn't like they were racking up long distance charges discussing each musical move.

While they might have produced a solid album if they had just sent each other MP3s, after listening to the album, which is based around the films of Canadian filmmaker Normal McLaren, it's easy to see why they had to write this together.

The disc is easily their most meticulous, though, Greenspan says, they tried to make it sound spontaneous.

In the end the band created a spare, yet upbeat collection of airy tunes, layered with electro sounds and, in a few cases, '80s grooves.

live this weekend

- The Junior Boys play the Biltmore Cabaret Saturday.

WARNER MUSIC

Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown is set for release May 15.

New music for spring

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

Let's be clear about something: The music industry is in great shape. More music is being made by more bands and music is being consumed by more people than at any other time in the history of the species. Gross concert revenues in 2008 were up 10 per cent, thanks to bands like Coldplay and Bon Jovi. Heck, Madonna grossed nearly $340 million on her own. And with U2, Nickelback and Britney on the road now, 2009 will be even better.

No, the music industry is fine. It's the CD-selling industry that's having a hard time. Even with a heavily hyped U2 album, not a single first quarter album managed to achieve platinum status. That's not good. But maybe Q2 will be better.

Depeche Mode, Sounds of the Universe: Hell is surely frozen over because songwriter/dictator Martin Gore has allowed singer Dave Gahan to contribute at least three songs to the album, the band's 12th studio release and 11th under Gore's control. Watch for a super-duper deluxe version that'll come with remixes, demos and two 84-page books. Everything hits the stores April 21 with a world tour starting in Toronto on July 24.

Green Day, 21st Century Breakdown: Three years in the making and five years after American Idiot, Green Day returns with yet another punk rock opera delivered in three acts. We were teased with a clip of the first single, Know Your Enemy, during the NCAA final on Monday. The full version will be on your radio by this time next week. Meanwhile, the album will hit stores on May 15.

Billy Talent/TBA: Ben Kowalewicz and the boys spent time in Los Angeles and Atlanta sorting out the group's third album with Brendan O'Brien (Pearl Jam, AC/DC). I don't have a title (Could it be Billy Talent III?), but the first single will be called Rusted in the Rain and is scheduled to be released May 19. Word is the guys stretch their abilities with excellent results.

Alexisonfire, Old Crows/Young Cardinals: The band's fourth album was recorded in Vancouver and Hamilton and is set to be released as far afield as Australia and South Africa. All they'll say at this point is that the album is done and it'll be released in "early summer."

Eminem, Relapse and Relapse 2: Marshall's back with a two-part release. We'll get the first volume May 19. Volume 2 will be a Christmas present.

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The Hills are still alive — for female fans

The fifth season premiere of MTV reality show The Hills had the highest TV ratings among females aged 12-24 and 18-24. The back-to-back episodes averaged three million viewers, down about 15 percent from last season. INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM

Television

Harper's TV and web conquest

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Harper's Island characters Henry and Abby look for clues in the attic.

To date, the tension between television and online video can be largely characterized by one adage: Divide and conquer.

Broadcasters affirm television's strength amid declining viewership and advertisement revenue, while online seems to constantly increase its audience, but struggles to find a way to turn those eyes into income.

But the new faction of Harper's Island and Harper's Globe is trying to put that polarity out to pasture, instead considering the battling platforms as separate but equal.

Harper's Island is the 13-week modern murder mystery, following 25 characters that surround a wedding and reunion on the eponymous island. Week by week, one or more characters are killed off the primetime soap-like show, leading to discovery of the murderer by the show's conclusion.

It's supplemented with Harper's Globe, the online "webisode" and social network named for the island newspaper. The online content is different, largely filmed in confessional-style and supported by blogs and interaction by Robin, the new-to-the-island journalist.

"Before Robin came onto the site, viewers were already on there, creating their own profile pages, forming a community and getting to know each other," said Melanie Merkosky, the Calgary actress that plays Robin.

The foray into online video is nothing new for Merkosky, who now calls herself an "online junkie." Before Harper's Globe, she was a leading character on YouTube viral video sensation, lonelygirl15.

> **"People ... look at (the Internet) as a viable entertainment platform."**
> Melanie Merkosky

"I do think entertainment is headed towards the Internet and people are now starting to look at it as a viable entertainment platform," said Merkosky.

While she didn't set out to solely act online, she said the intrigue of lonelygirl15 drew her to her subsequent online incarnation. "I was just more intrigued by the idea of both of them."

Unlike lonelygirl15, however, the Harper hybrid must balance the pair of mediums for their respective audiences. While content may be different, Merkosky said the two stories are completely connected.

"The plot lines overlap, the characters criss-cross and it's really bringing two different audiences together. If you're going to start moving toward the trend of doing online programming, I think this is the best way to go because it's still directly related and intertwined with the TV program."

Correlation aside, Merkosky admitted online continues to have a content advantage over television, carrying fewer restrictions than the regulated tube.

"We were allowed to show more and do scarier things than you would see on network TV. There is definitely a campy element to it, like Scream, but it's a lot scarier."

Series premiere

- Harper's Island begins airing Thursday on Global TV.

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 4/9/09	251	308	3 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Doc Zone "Air India 182" (CC)			Can Happen	CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E! News (N)	The Insider	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	My Fabulous Gay Wedding		Party Monsters: Cabo (CC)		News (N)
	254	-	8 M	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Omni News: Punjabi Edition		Metropia
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Southland "Pilot" (CC)		News (N)
	-	-	10 OMNI	The Daily	Frasier (CC)	Smallville "Power" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Diya (CC)	New Day
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Survivor: Tocantins (N) (CC)		The Office (N)	The Office (N)	(:02) Harper's Island "Whap"		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Old Christine	Samantha	America's Next Top Model		(:02) Private Practice (CC)		News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		In Motherhood	Parks-Recreat	30 Rock	30 Rock (N)	Hell's Kitchen (N) (CC)		The List
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Power" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Survivor: Tocantins (N) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		(:02) Harper's Island "Whap"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	The Office (N)	Parks-Recreat	The Office (N)	(:31) 30 Rock	Southland "Pilot" (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Divine Design	House	Confidential	House	Divine Design	Love It-List It	House
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	In Motherhood	Samantha	Grey's Anatomy (CC)		(:02) Private Practice (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	The Razor's Edge ★★ (1984) Bill Murray, Theresa Russell.				King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	Field Guide	Doc Martin "Blood Is Thicker"		Poirot "The Dream" (CC)		Huchoosedah: Traditions		Back Care
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Bones (N) (PA) (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
	-	364	45 PBS	MI-5 "One Last Dance" (CC)		Red Green	Summer Wine	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		This Old Hse.	Yankee Shop
	296	654	64 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	Paid Program	Family Court	Paid Program
	298	653	65 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Power" (CC)		Supernatural (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	66 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	67 WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Odd Couple
	199	311	76 STR	News (N)	News		Inside Edition	Late Show-Letterman		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Will & Grace
news	502	390	26 NW	Supercar Car of the Future.		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		Supercar Car of the Future.		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Vancouver Canucks. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Golf The Masters -- First Round. (CC)					SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures (CC)		Mantracker Steve and Jeff.		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures
	410	403	54 SCR	Basketball	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers. (Subject to Blackout)					Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	417	406	55 SC	(5:00) Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction (Same-day Tape)				Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction From Palm Beach, Fla.				
	416	409	144 GLF	Extra Time	Footballers	Gol TV News	Footballers	Soccer Cam	Gol TV News	Gol TV News	Gol TV News	Gol TV News
family	552	543	25 YTV	True Jackson	H2O, Just Add	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	In Real Life "Farm Frenzy"		Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN (CC)	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama (N)	The Dark Crystal ★★★ (1982) Voices of John Baddeley. (CC)			
	557	541	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	53 TRE	Comfy Couch	Zigby	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Recreat. Eden	Big Ideas	Francesco's Italy: Top to Toe		Broadway: Musical		The Genius of Photography		Lord-Brush
	575	583	20 CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith
	570	580	24 MM	Instant Star	Instant Star	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Paris Hilton's British Friend		Video on Trial	Technical Diff.	Spotlight
	600	564	25 H&G	House	House	Holmes in New Orleans (CC)		Disaster DIY	Big Amazing	Holmes in New Orleans (CC)		House
	615	520	31 A&E	The Beast (N) (CC)		The Beast (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The Beast
	628	584	32 SPKE	(6:00) TNA Wrestling (N)		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	GameTrailers	MANswers	MANswers	MXC
	521	560	34 TLC	American Chopper (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		American Chopper (CC)		Chopper
	616	522	35 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Love-Death	Love-Death	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Let's Go to Prison ★ (2006) Dax Shepard.		
	620	523	40 BVO	Jew Like Me	Bravo!Videos	Law & Order "Compassion"		Without a Trace (CC)		The War Zone ★★★★ (1999) Ray Winstone.		
	601	562	41 SLC	X-Weighted (CC)		ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives OC		Trading Spouses		Paradise Hotel
	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters Ninjas. (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Deadliest Catch (CC)		Stephen Hawking-Theory		StephenHawk
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Angel of Death" (CC)		Ancient Discoveries "Robots"		Go Deep "Wired Sharks"		NCIS "Angel of Death" (CC)		Sea Hunters
	627	528	45 SPC	Chuck (N) (CC)		Stargate SG-1 (CC)		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Ent.
	294	650	57 TBS	Austin Powers in Goldmember ★★ (2002) Mike Myers. (CC)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) Cool Runnings ★★★ (1993) Leon. (CC)		
	619	525	48 TROP	Vanity	Inside Hollywood (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Married... With	Seinfeld
	603	561	52 FN	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Chef Abroad	David Rocco	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Chef Jeff Project (CC)		Ace of Cakes
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	VIP	House Party	Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	Baby Mama ★★ (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler.				The Love Guru ★ (2008) Mike Myers. (CC)			No Country for Old Men (CC)	
	581	566	101 MTV	Taking the Stage (CC)		MTV Live	After	The Hills	The Hills	Taking the Stage (CC)		MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	Demetrius and the Gladiators		About Mary		Acts	Acts	About Mary		Paid Program
	-	-	106 MUL	Eight Heroes	Mom's-Upset	Vancouver	Kahkashan	Dheeyan Ghar	Sadabahar	Rang Barangi	Desi Rhythms	Patrol World

critics'corner

Parks and Recreation

Filmed in the same faux-documentary style as "The Office," this sitcom takes viewers inside the local government offices of Pawnee, Ind., where midlevel bureaucrat Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) tries to cut through red tape and obstructive officials to beautify her town and advance her career. Rashida Jones, Aziz Ansari, Nick Offerman and Paul Schneider also star. 8:30 PM on NBC

Southland

Emmy-winning executive producer John Wells ("ER") is behind this gritty police drama about Los Angeles cops and their lives both on and off the job. In the opener, veteran officer John Cooper (Michael Cudlitz) is assigned to train rookie Ben Sherman (Benjamin McKenzie, "The O.C."), but their clash in temperaments leaves Ben wondering whether he is cut out to be a cop. Regina King, Tom Everett Scott and Shawn Hatosy also star. 10 PM on CTV

In brief

DOCUDRAMA A&E is blending its signature genres of reality and scripted dramas into The Fugitive Chronicles, a new hybrid docudrama series that will premiere this year. The show will chronicle some of the most compelling fugitive captures of the past 20 years, telling the stories from the perspective of both the hunter and the hunted. Cinematic reconstructions will be used in a style similar to the verité technique, based on interviews with police. The fugitives' point of view will be represented through correspondence with the criminal and court documents.

AWARDS The Daytime Emmy Awards have found a home on the CW. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has inked a deal with the network to broadcast this year's ceremony Aug. 30 from the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles. The show landed at the non-Big Three network CW after ABC and CBS, which alternate carrying the event each year, both declined to renew their Emmy contracts. REUTERS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Nickelodeon steps up live-action

Nickelodeon has green-lighted pilots for two live-action comedies — one about a pair of taco-loving, wave-chasing surfers and the other a show (from Conan O'Brien's production company) about three telepathic high-schoolers. REUTERS

Television

Leno brings comic relief to Motor City

In a nod to the gloomy economy, late-night comedian Jay Leno hosted a show Tuesday to lift the battered spirits of Detroit residents facing steep unemployment and a faltering auto industry.

The host of NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, a celebrated car buff, presented a "comedy stimulus plan" to a packed house of 15,000.

"The idea is just come on down, hopefully forget your troubles for a while, other people are in the same boat as you are and maybe take some of the weight off, that's all," Leno told reporters beforehand.

He aimed his 80-minute monologue at anyone and anything from U.S. presidents to air travel and life in Los Angeles.

He riffed on cars, the price of gasoline and ads for Jaguar and Lexus, but steered clear of Detroit, or struggling U.S. carmakers, as a butt of his jokes.

Leno thanked union members, whose parents and grandparents "created the middle class in America" and told a roaring audience, "God bless Detroit."

"It's bad, but it's not that bad. Things will turn around, they have before." he said.

Thousands of fans waited patiently to see the show, which Leno said was aimed at cheering up anyone down on their luck.

"We are just here for a very good time," said Al Held, who made the trip to Michigan from Indianapolis and said that business was down dramatically in recent months. "It is just a chance to forget about that for a couple of hours, and freeze," he said as he waited outside the arena.

A.J. Frantz of Mount Clemens said he just wanted to get back to driving a truck. "No matter how hard it gets, I'm going to stay right here in Michigan," he said. "I'm a pure 100 per cent optimist. You've got to love life." REUTERS

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Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Are You Smarter		Friday Night Lights (CC)		20/20 "If I Only Had a Gun"		What
250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Flashpoint (N) (CC)		Spectacle: Elivs		News (N)
252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	Malcolm-Mid.	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	(:01) Dollhouse (N) (PA) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Animal Rites" (N)		News (N)
256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N) (CC)		Whistler Invitation to party.		News (N)
253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker Al and Garfield.		Departures "Canada" (CC)		Out There	Out There	The List
-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Flashpoint (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Animal Rites" (N)		News (N)
287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (CC)		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News (N)
288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Cooper/Kukta"		Supernanny (N) (CC)		20/20 "If I Only Had a Gun"		KOMO 4 News
290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(:01) Dollhouse (N) (PA) (CC)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy

news

502	390	23	NW	India Reborn (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		India Reborn (CC)		National
500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360

family sports

407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
400	400	30	TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Golf The Masters -- Second Round. (CC)					SportsCentre

cable variety

552	543	25	YTV	Lovewrecked (2006) Amanda Bynes. Premiere. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
555	545	50	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN (CC)	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama (N)	Mars Attacks! ★★ (1996) Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close. (CC)			
268	354	5	KNO	For King and Empire (CC)		Poirot "The Cornish Mystery"		Life Begins "Maggie & Paul"		Grey Gardens ★★★ (1975) (CC)		
575	583	20	CMT	What Girls Learn ★ (2001, Drama) Elizabeth Perkins, Scott Bakula, Alison Pill.						What Girls Learn ★ (2001) Elizabeth Perkins.		
615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Money Plane"		Criminal Minds "Doubt"		CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose"		CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose"		CSI: Miami
521	560	34	TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Danielle"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Amber"		What Not
616	522	35	SHO	Men With Brooms ★★ (2002) Paul Gross, Molly Parker. (CC)				Trailer Park Boys: The Movie ★ (2006) Mike Smith. (CC)				Americn 2
294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) My Cousin Vinny ★★★ (1992) (CC)			My Boys	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Flubber ★★ (1997) (PA) Robin Williams. (CC)		
603	561	55	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diner, Drive-In
320	621	60	CEN	(6:10) Away From Her ★★★		Savage Grace ★★ (2007) Julianne Moore.		(:45) Strange Wilderness ★ (2008, Comedy)				Transformers
581	566	101	MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	Real World-Road Rules		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)

4/11/09 primetime

Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
255	358	6	JOY	Family	E News	A Daughter's Conviction (2006, Mystery) Brooke Nevin. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (N)
250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE Presents: Gridlock		CSI: Miami "CSI: My Nanny"		Without a Trace (CC)		Law & Order "Illegitimate"		News (N)
252	336	11	GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Triage: Dr. James Orbinski		Doc (CC)		Doc (CC)		News (N)
256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Bravo! Fact
253	359	13	CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		Framed for Murder (2007) Elisa Donovan, Susan Walters. (CC)				Role
-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY "The Lying Game"		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Some Buried Bones"		CSI: Miami
289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: Miami "CSI: My Nanny"		Without a Trace (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Southland "Pilot" (CC)		Law & Order "Illegitimate"		News (N)
288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Ten Commandments ★★★ (1956) Charlton Heston. Biblical hero Moses leads the Israelites to freedom.						
290	382	23	FOX	Two-Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (N)

news

502	390	23	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		Sat. Report
500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Brown

family sports

407	419	22	RSP	English Premier League Soccer: Sunderland vs. Man Utd				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		PartyPoker.net
400	400	30	TSN	Golf: Masters	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Pepsi 300. (Same-day Tape) (CC)					SportsCentre

cable variety

552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Karate Kid, Part Two ★★ (1986, Action) Ralph Macchio. (CC)					Bleach	Mystery Hnt.
555	545	50	TEL	All Dogs Go to Heaven ★★ (1989) Voices of Dom DeLuise.				Futurama (N)	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
268	354	5	KNO	Tepuis: Into the Lost World		Heartbeat "Troubled Waters"		Midsomer Murders "The Straw Woman" (CC)				Montreal Jazz
575	583	20	CMT	Paul Brandt-Heroes		Coal Miner's Daughter ★★★ (1980) Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones.					Coyote Ugly	Ed "Loyalties"
615	520	31	A&E	(5:00) Independence Day (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		Independence Day ★★★ (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum. (CC)				
521	560	34	TLC	Royal Inquest (N)		Little People	Little People	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Royal Inquest		Table for 12
616	522	35	SHO	Mutant X (CC)		Cleaverville (2007, Suspense) Ever Carradine.				Mr. & Mrs. Smith ★★ (2005) Brad Pitt. (CC)		
294	650	47	TBS	(6:15) Happy Gilmore ★★		(:15) Tommy Boy ★★ (1995) Chris Farley, David Spade. (CC)				(:15) Captain Ron ★★ (1992) Kurt Russell.		
603	561	55	FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge Awards cake.		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen
320	621	60	CEN	U.S. of Tara	Tracey Ullman	You Don't Mess With the Zohan ★★ (2008) Adam Sandler.				Iron Man ★★★ (2008) Robert Downey Jr.		
581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

4/12/09 primetime

Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
251	308	3	CBC	Test the Nation: Sports (CC)				Diamonds (2009, Drama) (Part 2 of 2) James Purefoy. (CC)				News (CC)
255	358	6	JOY	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Kadzis Family" (N) (CC)				The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Southland "Pilot" (CC)		The Mentalist "Red Rum"		News (N)
252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	The Unit "Whiplash" (N)		News (N)
256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (CC)		Cold Case "Stealing Home"		Medium "Then... and Again"		New Canoe
253	359	13	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings (CC)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (CC) (DVS)		Role
-	-	14	CW	Jericho "One if by Land"		Cutthroat Island ★★ (1995) Geena Davis, Matthew Modine.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Cold Case "Stealing Home"		The Unit "Whiplash" (N)		News (N)
287	379	16	NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)				The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Kadzis Family" (N) (CC)				(:01) Desperate Housewives		KOMO 4 News
290	382	23	FOX	American Dad	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)

news

502	390	23	NW	March of the Penguins ★★★ (2005, Documentary) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		March of the Penguins ★★★ (2005) (CC)		
500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of Union

family sports

407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		BC Poker Championship		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Ult. Fighter
400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Golf The Masters -- Final Round. From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (CC)						SportsCentre

cable variety

552	543	25	YTV	(6:00) Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory			Easter Beagle	In Real Life "Farm Frenzy"		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
555	545	50	TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN (CC)	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama (N)	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic		Inspector Morse "The Wolvercote Tongue" (CC)				Life Begins "Maggie & Paul"		Montreal Jazz
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Whoops! We made a mistake

In yesterday's Metro, unfortunately an incomplete recipe appeared from Barb Holland for Hot Cross Buns. Please visit metronews.ca/food for the full recipe. Metro apologizes for the error. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Mix of Six

Vaisakhi Parade

When: April 11, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: 85th Avenue in Surrey

The annual Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey is the largest of its kind outside of India attracting more than 100,000 spectators.

The C Word

When: April 11
Where: Playwrights Theatre Centre (Granville Island)

Four friends deal with intercultural cheating, commitment and consequences in this set-in Vancouver dramedy. Unforeseen consequences force them to commit.

World Ski and Snowboard Fest

When: April 11 to 26
Where: Whistler Village

Whistler's annual celebration of music, arts, sports and culture starts this weekend.

Meet the Easter bunny

When: April 11 and 12
Where: Aberdeen Centre

The Easter Bunny is visiting the Aberdeen Centre this weekend. There'll also be children's games, a live circus, magic acts and more.

Easter Egg Hunt

When: April 10
Where: Killarney Community Centre, 6200 Killarney St.

The popular easter egg hunt is back, plus a gym full of Easter activities. The hunt will take place outdoors (weather-permitting).

Gordon Lightfoot

When: April 10 and 11
Where: Centre for Performing Arts in Vancouver

Gordon Lightfoot, the Canadian folk singer-songwriter brings his baritone voice and acoustic guitar to Vancouver for two shows.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The final episode of Corner Gas

TV The fictional town of Dog River and its quirky residents will bid goodbye to TV viewers April 13, the day when CTV airs the final episode of the popular Canadian sitcom created by Brent Butt (pictured, right). In tribute, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has declared the fateful Monday 'Corner Gas Day.'

2 My Flow So Tight: Smoke Jumpers

SONG Who can resist a little Chris Brown-bashing these days? This song, featuring the repeated line "Chris Brown should get his ass kicked," is getting heavy airplay on major radio stations across the U.S. The hip hop group's website is hyping the tune as "the official Chris Brown dis record."

3 Writing iPhone applications

BUSINESS As jobs start to dry up, software experts are trying to byte off a bit of this Apple pie. The formula's simple: write an application for the ubiquitous gadget, put it on sale on the software company's online store, and wait for consumers to get hooked on to your product. According to a recent New York Times article, many coding nerds are making enough cash from sales to quit their jobs, even in times like these.

4 Job pitches on TV

TREND Resumes are so pre-recession. The New England Job Show, a new Massachusetts-based public cable access production, is now allowing hungry job seekers to record 30-second commercials, where they pitch themselves to prospective employers.

5 Miroir Noir

DVD Hipsters, take notice. Canada's indie demigods Arcade Fire have released a new DVD chronicling the recording of their second album Neon Bible and performances from the subsequent tour. The website Pitchfork.tv is currently streaming the 70-minute documentary.

6 Observe and Report

FILM Seth Rogen sheds the image of the lovable, pot-smoking, slightly overweight dude for an edgier persona in this Jody Hill-helmed film. The Canadian actor plays a mall security guard with bipolar disorder who takes it upon himself to protect his territory and the girl of dreams (Anna Faris), from a flasher.

7 Kal Penn

ACTOR Harold and Kumar go to White House? Kind of. The Barack Obama administration has hired Kal Penn, the actor who shot to fame playing a slacker in the Harold and Kumar series, to help the U.S. president connect with Asian-American communities.

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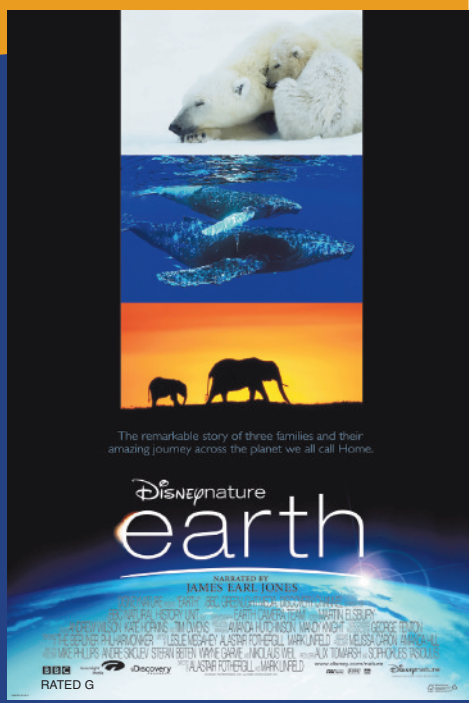

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Don't touch 'Button'

Warner warns Bollywood against remake

Fighting for its foothold in India's growing movie market, Warner Bros. has threatened to sue anybody planning to remake The Curious Case of Benjamin Button without its permission.

Warners' threat appeared in local media advertisements Monday after reports that Bollywood producer Vipul Amrutlal Shah planned to make a Hindi-language film called Action Replay, in which actor Akshay Kumar would go through a reverse-aging process.

"We took the step of publishing a notice regarding the possible unauthorized remake of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button as part of that rigorous defense of our rights, and to ensure that the filmgoing public in India experience our movies in the way that they were intended," Mumbai-based Warner Bros. India told The Hollywood Reporter on Tuesday.

The ads, issued by New Delhi-based firm Lall and Sethi, say that Warners will sue anyone producing a film "either in English or Hindi or another language, having a similar script, screenplay or story line or character sketches or interplay of characters or sequence of events."

Brad Pitt in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.

"We hope that this will serve as a deterrent to any filmmaker planning an unauthorized remake," attorney Chandler Lall said, adding that the Hollywood studio had issued similar notices in the past concerning such films as The Departed, which reportedly is slated for a Bollywood remake by producer Sajid Nadiadwala.

The case is just the latest in a long-standing Bollywood-Hollywood dispute over intellectual property rights.

Last year, Lall and Sethi issued a notice warning against unauthorized remakes of Sony Pictures' Jerry Maguire as unconfirmed reports indicated that actor Salman Khan was planning to star in a Bollywood remake of the Tom Cruise hit.

Also last year, Warner Bros. took the producers of the Indian film Hari Puttar: A Comedy of Terrors to court, arguing that its name was too similar to the studio's Harry Potter franchise.

The case was dismissed by the Delhi High Court, which said that the Harry Potter books are for "a different class of consumer who will not confuse Harry Potter with Hari Puttar." REUTERS

Big Winner

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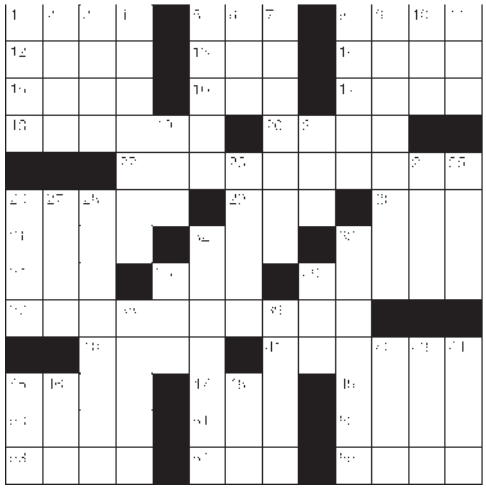

Crossword across

1 Satan's minions
5 Portion of N.A.
8 Relinquish
12 "Arrivederci"
13 Island souvenir
14 Graph line
15 Vivacity
16 Pitch
17 Supermarket supply
18 Constant sufferer
20 Do laps in the pool
22 Irreligiousness
26 Pivots
29 Plagiarize
30 "The Matrix" role
31 Round of applause
32 "Holy mackerel!"
33 Cribbage scorers
34 Scratch (out)
35 Guy's partner
36 Tapestry
37 Staff addition
40 Mother of Don Juan
41 Pollen-producing organ
45 Nix a bill
47 Hooter
49 Pop flavour
50 Detail
51 Born
52 Centres
53 Put together
54 Mag. staffers
55 "OK"

Crossword down

1 SALT subject
2 Actress Sorvino
3 Twosome
4 Allayed
5 Extreme
6 Vast expanse
7 Blue Angels' performance
8 Woodsy home
9 San Francisco newspaper
10 Delve
11 Curvy character
19 "Indeed"
21 Symbol of intrigue
23 Billy Goats Gruff foe
24 Nintendo rival
25 Velvety forest growth
26 Writer Silverstein
27 Huron, for one
28 Like a first draft
32 Where the action is?
33 Didactic
35 "Golly!"
36 Pismire
38 Travelocity mascot
39 NYC hockey team, for short
42 Grimace
43 Napoleon's exile site
44 Doggerelist Ogden
45 Energy
46 Greek H
48 Marry

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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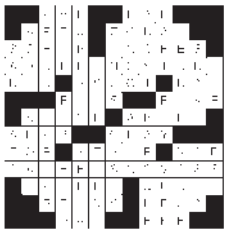

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Under 13 min .....Genius
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17-21 min .....Smart
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Baltimore Seafood Cakes

INGREDIENTS:
2 slices dry bread
1/2 cup (125 ml) milk
2 cans (4 oz/120 g) fresh crab meat
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp
2 large eggs
2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup (125 ml) ground almonds
A large pinch of cayenne pepper
1 tbsp (15 ml) mayonnaise
A handful of fresh parsley

COATING:
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) dried breadcrumbs
Canola oil for frying

METHOD:
1. Soak both slices of bread in milk 5 minutes. Flake crab meat, put into a bowl, chop shrimp and add to the crab.
2. Separate eggs and set whites aside. Add yolks, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, almonds, cayenne and mayonnaise to crab. Rinse, dry and chop enough parsley for 1 tbsp (15 ml) and add to bowl.
3. Squeeze bread dry, add to crab and stir until soft but not sloppy: add some breadcrumbs if mixture is too moist.
4. For coating: put flour onto one plate and breadcrumbs onto another. Whisk 1 tbsp (15 ml) water into egg whites. Divide crab mixture into eight portions and shape into cakes. Dip into flour, shake off excess, then dip into egg whites and coat with breadcrumbs.
5. Heat 1/2 in. (1 cm) oil in large frying pan over fairly high heat. Fry fish cakes 2–3 minutes per side until crisp and golden, then drain on paper towels and serve two per person.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Money-making leads to troublemaking. An intolerant loser makes a new rule. Hope fades when too much is at stake.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A dealer thinks that sticking to the facts is irrational. A power surge breaks someone down. Predictability lets you make corrections.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's too late to repair certain things. Apply yourself to more enlightening matters. Problems cause a commotion and life continues.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Great expectations generate a unique opportunity. A cheater creates upheaval by refusing to be amusing. Don't run with scissors in hand.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A crook doesn't have the answer you need. A good mood will heal a touchy-feely person. A loner develops the ability to communicate.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A manager makes a reasonable choice. A free spirited person insists on sharing things. A champion has a problem with conforming.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A wise man wants to relocate. Ruthlessness can't be ignored. Learn to speak softly if you wish to be convincing.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Be candid to boost your personal appeal. Others should respect your hard work. A small but pushy guy makes a difference.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't stay too late with a friend. A stubborn traitor takes on a starring role. Developing your skills takes up time.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
An alienated friend thinks you look worried. You'll meet a stranger who bores you to tears. Refuse to comply with unfair orders.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You'll bravely face a stressful situation. Good fortune produces stability. Include an intriguing person in your fun.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Family members create unpredictable anxiety. Poverty wastes a woman's good humour. Discouraged people seem to be utterly ridiculous.

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Rumours shot down

Anne Hathaway will not be working with Marc Jacobs, despite rumours circulating that she was to star in his latest ad campaign, femalefirst.co.uk says. Numerous reports said she'd be the designer's next muse. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna sent funds to Italy

DONATION When a devastating earthquake struck the Abruzzo region of Italy on Monday, the mayor of the hamlet of Pacentro made an appeal for help to the granddaughter of two former townspeople, reports people.com.

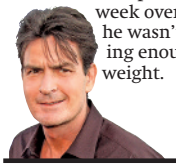
Madonna, whose paternal grandparents lived in Pacentro until 1919, made a "substantial donation" for the relief effort following the 6.3 magnitude quake that left more than 200 dead, says her publicist Liz Rosenberg. The rep wouldn't give the amount, but a source says it's about $500,000.

"I am happy to lend a helping hand to the town that my ancestors are from," Madonna tells People. "My heart goes out to the families that have lost loved ones or their homes."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Sheen's son back from hospital

HEALTH Charlie Sheen's baby son Max has been released from hospital after battling weight issues, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Max and his twin brother Bob were born two weeks premature and the tot was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital last week over fears he wasn't gaining enough weight.



METRO WORLD NEWS

Tears, humiliation follow split

DRAMA Samantha Ronson may have split from Lindsay Lohan, but she doesn't need help from the law to keep them apart, people.com reports.

The Beverly Hills cops confirmed that Ronson's family members asked about a restraining order following the couple's recent breakup. But Ronson's attorney, David Bass, tells People: "Samantha has no plan to request a restraining order. There is no basis for one."

And a source close to the deejay offers this spin: "Sam does not want a restraining order against Lindsay Lohan. Sam had nothing to do with the restraining order against Lindsay that the police are talking about."

Adds the source: "She thinks the whole thing is absurd."

On Friday, Ronson, 31, and her family blocked Lohan, 22, from the I Heart Ronson bash at Bar Marmont, an event celebrating Charlotte Ronson's clothing line. Though Lohan was banned from the party, another source says that she and Ronson "are totally communicating."

In the newest issue of Us Weekly, Lohan opens up about her heartbreaking split from Samantha Ronson, the "humiliating" weekend showdown with Ronson's family, and says that friends' fears she is suicidal are unfounded.

"It's absolute hell," Lohan told Us on Monday in a far-ranging interview over several lengthy phone calls and emails where she was agitated, crying and baffled by the turn of events.

Lohan says she's "so alone" without Ronson, the magazine adds.

"Everyone's turned on me," says the actress. She tells the magazine that the night of the Chateau showdown, Nicole Richie walked by her and said, "Uck."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Halle happiest at home

PEOPLE Halle Berry has several reasons to stay at home: A one-year-old baby, a hot boyfriend and a degree of celebrity that makes being in public uncomfortable, people.com reports.

Admitting her guiltiest pleasure to May's Harper's Bazaar, the Oscar winner, 42, says her current addiction is "very boring, but I buy baby clothes online. Nahla can't wear all the clothes I've bought, and we don't go anywhere because I can't deal with the paparazzi."

On the overstuffed closets for the baby, boyfriend Gabriel Aubrey is sympathetic — though only up to a point.

"Gabriel's always like, 'She doesn't even leave the house! Halle, you've got to stop,'" says Berry.

Still, he clearly has other advantages, and they're helping keep Berry at home, too. "I have a 33-year-old man. That'll keep your mojo mojo in," she declares.

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Pam thrilled with new beau

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is getting cozy with her latest boyfriend, scuba diver Jamie Paddgett — and her kids approve.

"They just like that mommy's happy. They're happy, mommy's happy, we're all happy," Anderson told Hollyscoop.

But is a fourth walk down the aisle in the cards for the actress? Apparently her friend, Heatherette designer Ritchie Rich, is ready just in case.

"He's designed a few" wedding dresses for the potential occasion," Anderson added.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jess dropped by label

CAREER Jessica Simpson has been dropped by her record label, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star's short-lived career as a country artist could be over as it has been confirmed she is no longer represented by Sony Nashville.

A representative for Jessica, 28, insists the arrangement with the company was only temporary and will now focus her attentions on pop.

The spokesperson said: "She was on loan to Sony Nashville for her country album. She is and has always been an Epic artist and continues to be on Epic's label."

Although Jessica's relaunch as a country artist in 2008 was controversial — particularly among the genre's traditionalists, who didn't like her pop star past — her album Do You Know reached number one in the U.S. country charts and sold over 100,000 copies.

She was booed at her first country music concert last July, snubbed by the Country Music Association Awards in November and was heavily criticized while supporting Rascal Flatts earlier this year.

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Sienna excited
She's not due to arrive on Broadway until October, but Sienna Miller is already anxious. "I'm scared, obviously, but really excited," Miller, 27, reports people.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Farrah's strength 'incredible': Friend

HEALTH With Farrah Fawcett expected to leave the hospital within days, her friend Alana Stewart is in awe of how the Charlie's Angels star has dealt with her latest medical ordeal, people.com reports.

"I've never seen anyone fight for their life like this," says Stewart, a constant presence at the actress's hospital bedside and co-producer of Fawcett's upcoming documentary about her battle with anal cancer.

Despite widespread reports to the contrary, Fawcett, 62, is currently hospitalized for internal bleeding not directly related to the cancer. "Farrah is not in a coma and she's never been unconscious," Stewart says. "It's unconscionable for these things to be put out. It's so tremendously hurtful to Farrah. It's put her in a panic. But Farrah's spirit is incredible."

Her personal physician, Dr. Lawrence Piro, has also been impressed with Fawcett, calling her "an amazing patient" since she was first diagnosed in 2006.

"All people who face cancer are brave," he says, "but Farrah has been especially brave because she has had to battle two burdens at the same time. One is the burden of cancer. The other is the burden of going through the cancer in a very public way. Throughout, Farrah has used something which is a masterful gift of hers, and that's her humour. And positive thinking."

Piro says that, barring complications, Fawcett should be released from the hospital "in a few days." In the meantime, Fawcett receives visitors from a close circle of friends such as Stewart. Another presence is her long-time companion Ryan O'Neal. "Ryan has continued to be by her side and has helped her so much through this experience," says Piro.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bring Olympics to Chicago, Oprah urges

PROMOTION Oprah Winfrey is hoping to bring the Olympics to Chicago for 2016, and she's not afraid to namedrop to get it done.

"President Obama's philosophy is one of embracing the Olympic movement," she said, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. "What I'm hoping is we can have a real, honest conversation about how great this city is and the possibilities it will bring not only for the citizens of Chicago, but the citizens of the world." METRO WORLD NEWS

Jennifer just crazy over Jamie

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Love Hewitt has had her up and downs in relationships, but the Ghost Whisperer star is "the happiest I've ever been" with new boyfriend Jamie Kennedy, people.com reports.

"We just make each other laugh and we're best friends," Hewitt told reporters at the premiere of Kennedy's film, Finding Bliss, at the 14th Annual Gen Art Film Festival in New York City on Tuesday night.

So, when did sparks start to fly? "We've known each other for a very long time and there's just something there. We've always had this mutual admiration," says Kennedy. "She is the most generous and thoughtful person you'll ever meet. She's amazingly talented and people don't realize that she's incredibly funny too. She's a great person to be with."

Looking svelte in a navy blue Camilla and Marc dress and YSL platform stilettos, Hewitt added: "Him being hilarious is what makes this relationship work. When you're really funny, there's nothing really bad that can happen."

And although the two haven't been together for "that long," Hewitt said that they are "very much alike."

"We do everything the same. We're very compatible in that way," she said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Wolverine heartbroken

CAREER The reigning Sexiest Man Alive doesn't think what happened to his new movie is very sexy, people.com reports.

"It's a serious crime and there's no doubt it's very disappointing — I was heartbroken by it," Hugh Jackman said Wednesday about last week's Internet leak of a work print of his X-Men Origins: Wolverine. "Obviously people are seeing an unfinished film. It's like a Ferrari without a paint job."

While Wolverine is set for official release on May 1, its studio, 20th Century Fox, says the FBI and the Motion Picture Association of America were investigating who might have pirated it and have promised to prosecute the culprits.

As part of a world tour to promote the movie, Jackman, 40, previewed about 20 minutes to about 600 fans in Sydney, Australia, and said he didn't think the web leak would harm eventual cinema attendance, people.com reports. The star made his entrance from a helicopter — and then to the ground on an aerial wire.

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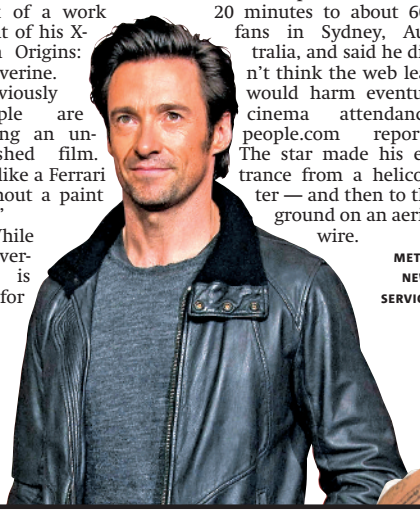

Eminem takes a mean shot at Jess

PEOPLE Eminem takes aim at Jessica Simpson in his latest video, We Made You, portraying the singer as voluptuous and never far from a cheeseburger — but Simpson is shrugging it off. "Of course Jess finds it annoying," a friend of hers said, according to MSNBC. "But it's not like she's the only one who was singled out."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Baby clothes given to charity

PEOPLE Nicole Richie is auctioning off her 14-month-old daughter's clothes for charity, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Richie, who shares baby Harlow with Good Charlotte rocker Joel Madden, has donated a few of her little girl's used items to HandMeDowns.com for the charity auction, which will run until April 17. Items include Harlow's Ralph Lauren romper, a rainbow striped cashmere sweater, infant moccasins and an autographed Maclaren Lacoste stroller valued at $400 that is currently listed for $1. Money raised will help disadvantaged kids.

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